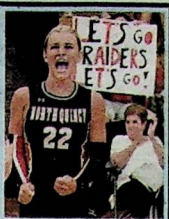




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QUINCY SOPHOMORE RUNNING back Jonas Ala sees daylight as he runs 92 yards for one of his three touchdowns in the Presidents' 53-6 win over Archbishop Williams High School Sept. 13 at Veterans' Memorial Stadium. More coverage begins on Page 19.

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55+ Zoning Eyed For ENC Campus

By SCOTT JACKSON

Mayor Thomas Koch and Ward 5 Councillor Daniel Minton have cosponsored an ordinance to create a new overlay zoning district for housing for people ages 55 and up on the campus of Eastern Nazarene College in Wollaston.

Koch and Minton introduced the ordinance at the Sept. 9 meeting of the City Council where it was referred to committee for consideration at a later date. A similar ordinance had been submitted last year but was

not passed before the end of the council term.

Eastern Nazarene College's Board of Trustees in June announced plans to close the 124-year-old school, citing "significant financial headwinds." In the same announcement, the trustees said the college would be "transitioning to a new educational enterprise."

In a recent interview, Koch said he has had conversations with ENC President Rev. Dr. Colleen R. Derr, but not so much with the trustees.

"I've had conversations with the president, but I don't know who is really in charge. There is a board. Most of the board aren't from around here and I think they answer to another group. The communication hasn't been great from the board," Koch said. "The president, we've talked to, but she hasn't really been able to share anything of any consequence."

Koch said the city is monitoring the situation at Eastern Nazarene College.

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School Bus Transportation Issues Being Worked Out

By SCOTT JACKSON

The Quincy Public Schools are working with the company contracted to provide bus service in the city to correct issues that arose at the start of the school year, Supt. Kevin Mulvey said.

Mulvey provided an update on bus service during

the Sept. 11 meeting of the School Committee as part of his back-to-school update. The superintendent also stressed the importance of school security during that evening's meeting.

The district transports roughly 590 students on large buses on a daily basis and 419 students on mini-

buses. Both those numbers are subject to increase as more students are signed up for buses.

School districts across the country are facing a shortage of bus drivers, Mulvey said. Quincy has nearly two dozen fewer drivers now than it did pre-

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School Board Votes 5-2 For Open Forum Changes

By SCOTT JACKSON

The School Committee in a 5-2 vote approved changes to its open forum policy that will be reduce each speaker's allotted time by one minute and stop the reading of emailed comments during meetings.

Mayor Thomas Koch and Paul Bregoli, Tina Cahill, Kathryn Hubley and Emily Lebo voted in favor of the new policy during the school board's meeting

on Sept. 11. Douglas Gutro and Courtney Perdios voted against it.

Open forum is the part of each School Committee meeting where community members - residents of Quincy and non-resident Quincy Public Schools parents and employees - can speak. The amendment to the policy approved on Sept. 11 reduces the time allotted to each speaker from four minutes to three. It also sets

a 300-word limit on written comments and states that written comments will be posted on the district's website, provided they are submitted by 4 p.m. the day before the meeting. Written comments have been read aloud during meetings since the start of the Covid pandemic.

Perdios said stakeholders - parents, students and staff - may not be able to physi-

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Remembering Sept. 11

By SCOTT JACKSON

Nearly 100 first responders, residents and elected officials came together outside Quincy Fire Department headquarters for a solemn ceremony on the 23rd anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

"Thank you all very much for being with us this morning as we gather once again to remember the sacrifices made and the courage shown by so many Americans on this day 23 years ago," said Fire Chief Joseph Jackson.

The terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, claimed the lives of 2,977 victims at the World Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon outside Washington, D.C., and in Shanksville, Penn. The victims included 343 members of the New York City Fire Department, 23 New York City police officers, and NY/NJ 37 Port Authority police officers.

Sister Catherine Andre of the Daughters of Mary

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FIREFIGHTER STEVE SWEET plays Amazing Grace on the bagpipes in memory of the lives lost in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

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Team Of Quincy Firefighters Complete Tunnel To Towers 5K

Raise \$1,950 For Organization That Honors Memory Of NYC Firefighter Killed On 9-11

By **SCOTT JACKSON**

A team of Quincy firefighters completed this month's Tunnel to Towers 5K in Boston and was the event's top fundraising first responder team, raising \$1,950 for the organization.

Firefighters Shawn Grady, Shawn Clancy, Brian Mingoelli and Deputy Chief Timothy Burchill took part in the race, which was held Sept. 7 on Castle Island. Mingoelli said he and other Quincy firefighters – the participants differ each year – have run in the 5K since it first came to Boston in 2021. A team of first responders from Quincy has raised the most money each of the last three years. Quincy Fire Department teams in 2022 and 2024, and a Quincy Police Department team in 2023, Mingoelli said.

"We're proud to say a Quincy first responder team were top earners three years in a row, QFD in 2022, QPD beat us by like \$20 last year, and we're back on top this year," he said. "We're hoping to collect more and more each year to continue dominating the competition."

The Tunnel to Towers

Foundation was formed to honor the memory of New York City Firefighter Stephen Siller, who was killed in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks after racing through the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel on foot to reach the World Trade Center. The non-profit organization offers various programs, including the Fallen First Responder Home Program, which pays off the mortgages of law enforcement officers and firefighters who lose their lives in the line of duty, or due to illnesses related to the Sept. 11 attacks, and leave behind young children.

Mingoelli, who joined the Quincy Fire Department in 2020, said he first learned about the organization in 2021 when someone mentioned it would be holding a 5K race in Boston. His father, Richard Mingoelli, a lieutenant with the Boston Fire Department, died in the line of duty in 1999.

"Once I realized what they did, providing homes to families of first responders, I thought that was fantastic," Mingoelli said. "My own father passed in 1999,



A TEAM OF QUINCY firefighters completed this month's Tunnel to Towers 5K in Boston, raising \$1,950 for the organization. From left to right: Firefighter Shawn Grady, Hannah Clancy, wife of Firefighter Shawn Clancy, Firefighter Clancy, Firefighter Brian Mingoelli and Deputy Chief Timothy Burchill. *Courtesy Photos*

he was a Boston firefighter, and this would have been fantastic for my mother."

In addition to the Fallen First Responder Home Program, the Tunnel to Towers Foundation is also behind the 9/11 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit. That exhibit, which honors all those killed on Sept. 11 and those who continue to lose their lives due to related illnesses, visited Quincy last September.

"It's a fantastic organization," Mingoelli said of the Tunnel to Towers Foundation. "They also do education – they brought the pop-up museum to the city last year. They are a really good charity, one of the best."

Mingoelli plans to continue participating in the organization's annual 5K race, and hopes more people from Quincy will participate in the future.

"You can never have too many people," he said.



TROPHY AND MEDALS were awarded to a team Quincy firefighters as the top fundraising first responder team at this year's Tunnel to Towers 5K in Boston, raising \$1,950 for the organization.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF DAY

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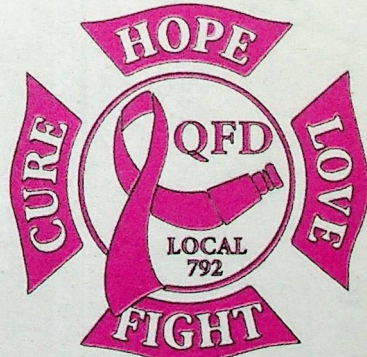
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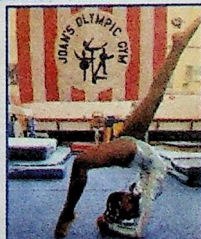
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Remembering Sept. 11

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of Nazareth opened the remembrance ceremony with the reading of a prayer.

"When I am called to duty, wherever flames may rage, give me the strength to save a life, whatever be its age. Help me to embrace a little child before it is too late, or save an older person from the horror of that fate. Enable me to be alert and hear the weakest shout, and quickly and efficiently to put the fire out," she said. "I want to fill my calling and to give the best in me, to guard my every neighbor and protect his property. And if according to God's will I must answer death's call, bless with your protecting hand my family one and all."

Mayor Thomas Koch said many people remember well that morning 23 years ago.

"I don't know if anybody saw it the other night, but I happened to come across the '60 Minutes' special about 9/11 and it was all about the site, Ground Zero, in New York," Koch said. "It just brings everything back."

"I know that everybody here probably can remember exactly where you were and exactly how you were feeling at the moment. It was an incredible, terrible, heinous attack on this country."

The first responders who ran into the World Trade Center to rescue others that

morning are truly heroes, Koch said.

"When you look at the stories and read about the stories of the men and women going into the tower knowing the peril – scenes showing firefighters embracing each other knowing they probably will not see each other again – all in the name of bringing people out, rescuing, and making people safe, those are the heroes," Koch said.

"We talk about heroes in a very casual way today – perhaps somebody in the athletic field. The real heroes are what we saw on 9/11."

Individuals who joined the military in the aftermath of the attacks are also heroes, the mayor continued.

"In addition to that, there are a lot of other heroes, because what we saw following that – we knew we were in a state of war – was the recruiting stations across the country," he said. "Young men and women – again, heroes – going in to sign up to defend their country, defend the freedoms we enjoy, which was so at risk we all thought at the time."

"The images are really etched in people's minds and we continue to deal with as a nation the remnants of that," Koch added. "One, for all those people involved, the sicknesses, the

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SISTER CATHERINE ANDRE of the Daughters of Mary of Nazareth offers a prayer at the 9-11 remembrance Sept. 11. At right is Quincy Fire Chief Joe Jackson.

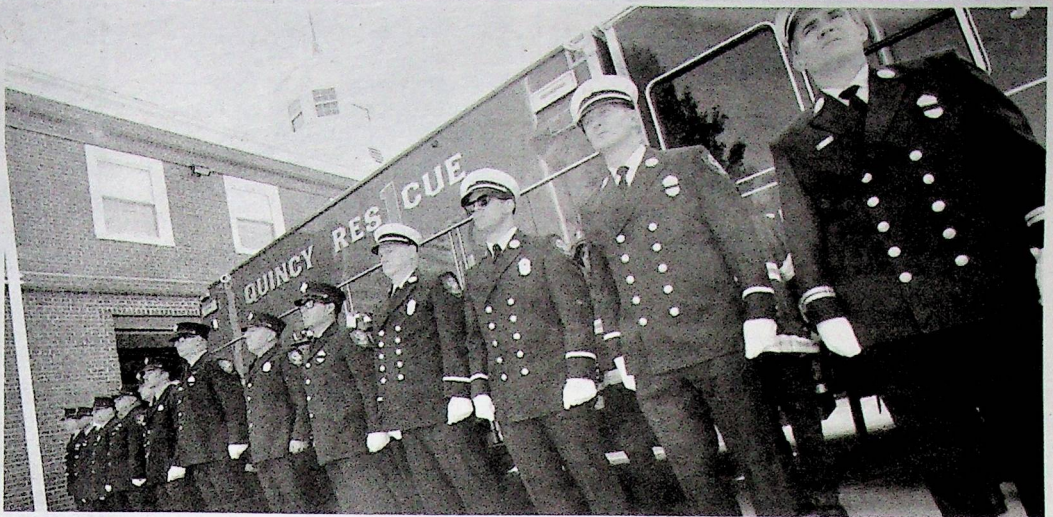
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QUINCY FIREFIGHTERS pause during the 9/11 ceremony at Fire Headquarters Sept. 11. Quincy Sun photos/Tom Gorman



QUINCY POLICE OFFICERS stand at attention at the 9/11 ceremony at Fire Headquarters Sept. 11.

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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On Sept. 30, 1962, African American student James H. Meredith was escorted onto the University of Mississippi campus by U.S. marshals, setting off a riot in which two men died before the violence was suppressed by federal soldiers. The next day, he successfully enrolled and began classes, though the disruption continued.

• On Oct. 1, 1920, Scientific American magazine reported that radio would soon be used to broadcast music, noting that "Experimental concerts are at present being conducted every Friday evening from 8:30 to 11:00 by the Radio Laboratory of the Bureau of Standards. The possibilities of such centralized radio concerts are great and extremely interesting."

• On Oct. 2, 1780, British Major John Andre, an accomplice of Benedict Arnold, was hanged as a spy by U.S. military forces in New York. Andre had asked of both his commander and Gen. George Washington that he be executed by firing squad, which was considered a more "gentlemanly" death, but the request was denied.

• On Oct. 3, 1997, 69-year-old Gordie "Mr. Hockey" Howe skated the first shift with the Detroit Vipers in their International Hockey League opener, making him the only professional in the sport to have competed during six decades.

• On Oct. 4, 1988, televangelist Jim Bakker was indicted on federal charges of mail and wire fraud and conspiring to defraud the public. The case against him and three aides exploded into scandal after it was revealed he'd had a sexual tryst with former church secretary Jessica Hahn in a Florida hotel.

• On Oct. 5, 1974, Dave Kunst finished the first round-the-world journey on foot, which took him four years and 21 pairs of shoes. His reason for embarking upon the 14,500-mile journey across four continents: "I was tired of Waseca [his home town], tired of my job, tired of a lot of little people who don't want to think, and tired of my wife."

• On Oct. 6, 1961, President John F. Kennedy recommended that American families build bomb shelters as protection from atomic fallout in case of a nuclear exchange with the Soviet Union. He also assured the public that the U.S. civil defense program would soon begin providing such security for every American.

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To increase the acidity of your soil, mix ground rock sulphur into it, using 1.2 oz. per square yard for sandy soils and 3.6 oz. per square yard for all other soils. You can also add sawdust, composted leaves and peat moss to lower the soil pH. - Brenda Weaver

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REMEMBERING 9-11: Fire Lt. Derek Monroe, right, tolls the bell as firefighter Bill McGoff, left, pauses at the city's 9-11 remembrance Sept. 11 at Fire Headquarters on Quincy Avenue. The terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, claimed the lives of 2,977 victims including 343 members of the New York City Fire Department, 23 New York City police officers, and NY/NJ 37 Port Authority police officers.

Quincy Sun photos/Tom Gorman

Solemn Ceremony Remembers Sept. 11

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cancers, and all those health challenges."

The mayor said it was imperative to provide the city's first responders with the best resources possible, a sentiment with which he said his colleagues in government agree.

"I think it's incumbent upon us certainly here in Quincy, and I know my colleagues agree with me, that we have to provide the best in resources, equipment, to our men and women both in the Fire Department and the Police Department because they are on the front lines each and every day," Koch said.

"I know we have been successful to date and we are appreciative to our legislative delegation, to the City Council for the appropriations, Congressman Lynch, he secured a \$4 million grant to replace this station - that will help us in part to do that. I think that's the best we can do to honor the men and women who continue to put it on the line for us.

"St. Michael is the patron saint of our police; we ask for his intercession to keep the police officers, men and women, each and every day safe," Koch added. "We ask St. Florian to intercede on behalf of the firefighters, the patron saint of firefighters, to keep them safe in their duties each and every day. And, on behalf of the people of the city of Quincy, we thank you for your incredible service."

At the close of the ceremony, Jackson, the fire chief, said the department would continue to remember the sacrifices made on Sept. 11.

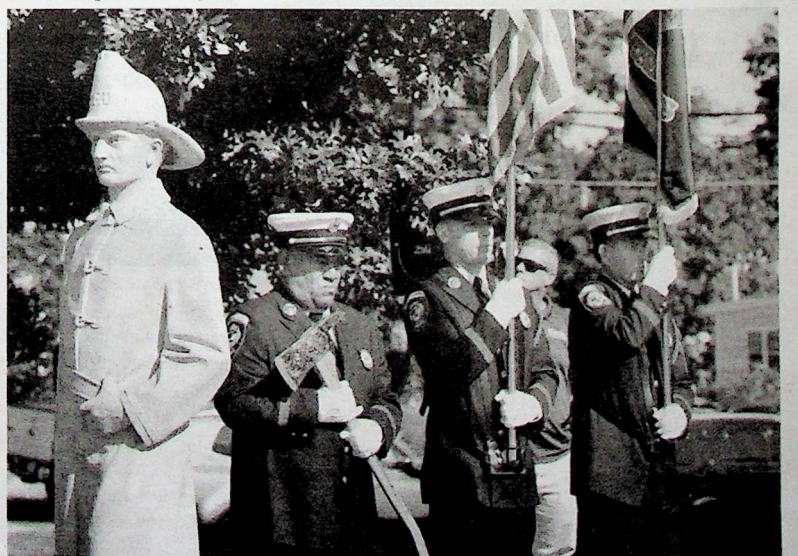
"Thank you again for being with us," he said. "We hope to see you again next year."



QUINCY FIREFIGHTER Bill McGoff, right, raises the flag in front of Quincy fire headquarters as Fire Chief Joe Jackson, left, and Mayor Thomas Koch, center, salute, during the annual Sept. 11 ceremony.

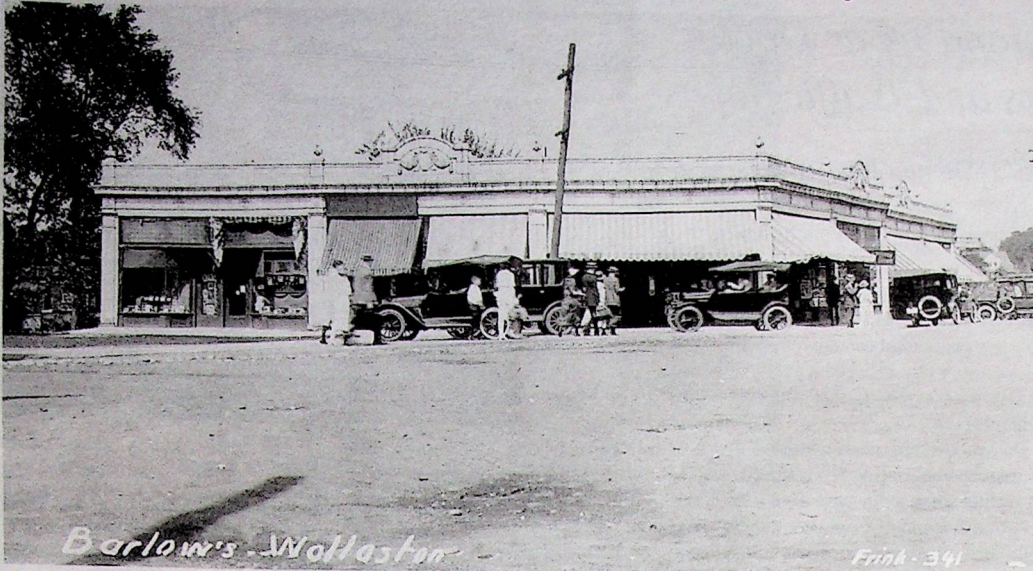


FIREFIIGHTERS SALUTE as the flag is raised at the 9-11 remembrance Sept. 11 at Quincy Fire Headquarters.



QUINCY FIRE DEPARTMENT color guard stands at attention during the 9-11 ceremony.

Scenes From Yesterday



THIS IS AN early 1920s postcard view of the Walker-Barlow Drug Store in Wollaston. The store was in the corner of this building that was in what was called Depot Square off Beale Street next to the Wollaston railroad depot. Upon the death of its owner in 1925, a young Howard D. Johnson bought the business that was basically a lunchroom with a soda fountain also selling newspapers, sundries and cigars to railroad patrons. Johnson focused on selling a rich creamy ice cream that he purchased locally and it soon became his most popular product.

In 1928 he opened a seasonal ice cream stand on Wollaston Beach and in 1929 he opened his first full menu restaurant in the new Granite Trust Building in Quincy Square. The rest is history. This store remained open until the late 1960s when the property was taken for the MBTA's Wollaston Red Line Station parking lot. A granite marker on Beale Street marks the location of this first Howard Johnson's store.

From the Tom Galvin Postcard Collection

What Women Need To Know About Treating Postpartum Depression

By Dr. ANA STANKOVIC
Chief Medical Officer

UnitedHealthcare of Massachusetts

Pregnancy and childbirth are often celebrated as incredible events in a woman's life. But, for some, it can be anything but joyful. One in five women experience pregnancy-related mental health conditions. Of those, 20 percent will face suicidal thoughts or attempt to harm themselves. In fact, maternal mental health challenges are the number one cause of maternal mortality, primarily due to suicide.

Most women have some degree of the "baby blues." So, what makes some women more likely to experience more severe mental health issues? Women with a history of anxiety or mood disorders or those with a family history of postpartum depression have a higher risk. Women from under-resourced communities, those with little to no social support, and those who use substances like drugs or alcohol also face higher risks, as are women who have experienced fertility challenges, an unwanted pregnancy, or a difficult birth. And among communities of color, stigma and judgment often prevent women from seeking mental health treatment.

But it doesn't have to be that way. The time has come to recognize that pregnancy-related mental health conditions are not only prevalent but largely preventable. Here are a few tips to help combat maternal mental health challenges:

Inform yourself. Take some time to familiarize yourself with emotional changes that can come with pregnancy and the postpartum period. This knowledge not only helps in setting your own expectations but also empowers you to communicate effectively with healthcare providers.

Talk to your doctor about treatment options. When exploring medication treatment options for postpartum depression, it's important to understand the benefits and potential side-effects of the medications. Be sure to speak with your health care provider to understand the best option for you and check with your health coverage plan to make sure the medication is covered.

Destigmatize mental health. It's okay to talk about how we're really feeling. Whether you're pregnant, a new parent, or a supportive partner or friend, speaking up about mental health challenges should be as normal as talking about a headache. When we open up, we make it easier for everyone to seek the help they might need without fear.

Monitor your well-being. Keep an eye on how you're feeling emotionally, not just physically. Changes in mood, energy levels or thoughts can be subtle clues that you need some extra care. It's like keeping a diary of your emotional world — noting down what feels different, what's worrying you, or even what's bringing you unexpected joy.

Call your health plan provider: Your health insurer can also help you access care. For example, some insurers like

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UnitedHealthcare have specially trained advocates to support members who might be struggling due to their social environment, help members understand their benefits and guide them to timely care.

Take advantage of your Employee Assistance Program (EAP). These programs typically offer services that relatively few employees take advantage of. Depending on your situation, you may not need to seek additional behavioral health support with a care provider if your EAP offers personalized guidance.

Seek support: A trusted healthcare provider can guide you to the right level of support, such as talking to an expert in person or virtually, or joining a network or discussion group about this issue. Your family and friends can be there for you by listening, offering the voice of experience, or even helping with household chores to allow you time to rest. Remember that taking action early is a proactive step toward maintaining your mental health. It's a sign of strength.

Together, we can break the silence, prioritize maternal mental health, and ensure that no mother faces this challenge alone. It is time to unite, embrace compassion, and empower all women to embark on their motherhood journey with strength and resilience.

* EAP availability varies by plan design and benefits selected by the employer.

READERS FORUM

Carolann Speranzo Passing A Loss To Entire City

To the editor:

I was sad to read that Carolann Speranzo has died. She was one of the first people I met when I moved to Quincy and discovered her shop, Second Sight. I have a complicated eyeglass prescription, but she handled it with ease. She welcomed me as a newcomer to the city and shared helpful advice on finding my own way around. Over the years, I could count on consistent, excellent service. I could never have gotten the same level of care from a big chain. I enjoyed my appointments and a chance to see her helper, a beloved pup who showered everyone with affection. Her passing is a loss not only to her family and friends but to the entire city and a reminder of the importance of small business people in our community. They know us better than anyone, and the services they provide are unparalleled.

Mark Perigard
Quincy

Quincy's Yesterdays

This Week
1991
33 Years Ago

Raymondi, Ayers Top School, Ward 6 Races

Political veteran Daniel Raymondi and newcomer Bruce Ayers piled up votes in Tuesday's preliminary election to easily win the top spots in the School Committee and Ward 6 City Council races respectively.

Ayers, 29, making his political debut, led incumbent Thomas Nutley, 64, who was also nominated, by a margin of 501 votes. Ayers polled 1,227 votes to Nutley's 726.

Raymondi was the top vote-getter in the School Committee preliminary election with 4,133 votes. Newcomer Linda Stice finished a strong second with 3,219 votes and incumbent Stephen Durkin was third with 2,957.

Securing the other three school committee nominations were Margaret "Peggy" King (2,583 votes), Jo-Ann Bragg (2,530 votes) and Mary Jane Powers (1,679 votes).

Not nominated for School Committee were newcomer Sean Barry, age 26 (1,651 votes) and former School Committee member Frank Anselmo, age 93, who resigned his seat earlier in the year because of illness but had recovered to mount a comeback.

(Editor's note: In the final election in November, Quincy voters elected Daniel Raymondi and Linda Stice and re-elected Stephen Durkin to the school committee and Ward 6 voters elected newcomer Bruce Ayers to represent the ward on the City Council.)

CITY COUNCIL OKS \$360,000 FOR FIRE, POLICE, SCHOOLS

The City Council voted 8-1 to approve Mayor James Sheets' request for \$360,000 to the city's police, fire and school departments.

According to Executive Secretary Tom Koch, the funding was appropriated from the city's general revenue fund for FY 92. The fund recently received a \$1 million delinquent tax payment from Jordan Marsh.

Money would be used to hire five teachers, pay for police overtime and training and fire department overtime.

The lone dissenter was Councillor Tim Cahill who said he was concerned that money may be needed for a real emergency if one comes in the near future. "The economy is not getting better, and I think we're jumping the boat a little fast."

QUINCYISMS

The City Council accepted a donation of \$500 to the city's Bicentennial Committee in the name of **Frank Anselmo**. . . Two bedroom, two bathroom condos at Quincy's new high-rise luxury building — Quincy Towers located at 500 Washington St. — were selling for \$69,900. . . **John Wood, Ph.D.**, of Quincy, recently received a two-year research grant from the American Cancer Society to examine dynemicin, a naturally occurring, extremely potent antitumor substance. . . **Jennifer Johnson** of Whitney Road was enrolled at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine in North Grafton. . . **Ward 3 Councillor Larry Chretien**, chairman of the Quincy Recycling Committee, was honored as a local hero by the Norfolk County-Newton Lung Association. . . First Presbyterian Church in Quincy welcomed **Sue Hersey** as church organist. . . **Cadet Capt. Alex Ha**, a senior at North Quincy High School Advanced Placement Program, was named cadet commander for Quincy Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol. . . Movies playing at Entertainment Cinemas, Quincy Fair Mall, Quincy Center, included "Hot Shots," "Doc Hollywood," "Terminator 2" and "City Slickers." . . **Holly Rendle**, former North Quincy volleyball standout and a junior co-captain at Colgate University, returned to action for the Raiders in excellent fashion as she averaged three kills and 3.3 digs in Colgate's wins over Temple and Rutgers. . . **Carolyn Parsley**, a teacher at Atlantic Middle School and assistant girls' volleyball coach at North Quincy High School, will be inducted into the Bridgewater State College Athletic Hall of Fame Oct. 4. The Braintree High graduate is the all-time leading scorer for the BSC women's basketball program with 1,262 points. . . **Charles M. Rippberger, M.D.**, welcomed **Eric R. Cohen, M.D.**, as a new associate of Adams Medical Associates, 101 Adams St. . . Quincy College and The Quincy were sponsoring an Environmental Poster Contest in conjunction with the college's fourth annual Environmental Fair. The contest was open to students in grades 1-8.

Sagging Headliners, Leasing Or Buying, Fault Codes

Ask John Paul: AAA New England's Car Doctor
Senior Manager, Public Affairs and Traffic Safety

I bought a new Nissan Murano in 2019, it has all the bells and whistles, and it is the best SUV that I ever owned. I now have 30,000 miles on it. My problem is the interior cloth roof by my moon roof is sagging. I brought it to my Nissan dealer, and they told me it would cost \$2,100 to fix. I am retired and on Social Security, so my funds are somewhat limited. Is there anywhere else I can have this fixed any cheaper?

I was in Florida over the winter, and I saw some automotive upholstery shops advertising "we fix sagging headliners." In Florida I suspect this is more common due to the heat and humidity. Before I spent \$2,100 at the dealer (which may be the only choice) I would certainly contact some upholstery shops and see if they have a cheaper solution.

My cousin needs to update her vehicle. She wanted to know what would be better: leasing or buying.

If she is considering an electric vehicle I would lease it. This is because technology is changing so rapidly that there is a chance that an electric vehicle purchase may be worth considerably less in a few years if more advanced battery technology becomes available. Leasing is great if you can deduct the payments as a business expense but for most people leasing is a guarantee of monthly car payments forever. Recently I had the folks from Consumer Reports on my radio program; perhaps give it a listen to help with your decision: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/buying-vs-leasing-with-consumer-reports-jon-linkov/id788252884?i=1000662899631>.

We got back last week after 4,000 miles (16 days, 12 stops, 13 states). The vast majority of driving at highway speeds. My wife then takes the car out for some errands and comes back and tells me the oil pressure light came on but went off again. I checked the dipstick, and it appeared very low, so I ran over to the shop that did the oil change and they confirmed it was low. They did put in two quarts of oil for me, but advised I should do another oil change within the next 1,000 miles. Since it requires synthetic oil, this is expensive. Do you concur? The last oil change was only a month ago, but it has over 4,000 miles on that oil.

Since the engine was low on oil the remaining oil needed to work hard to keep the engine properly lubricated. I would change the oil again, and then check the oil level every 1,000 miles or so, just to monitor oil consumption. Using a couple of quarts of oil in 4,000 miles is certainly acceptable. You should always try to keep the oil level in the safe range as indicated on the oil dipstick.

I have a question regarding an icon on my dashboard. It looks like a person with a seatbelt on and the airbag going off. What does this mean and is there a way I can fix it at home?

If the icon is for the passenger seat, it may mean that the passenger air bag is off since no one is in the passenger seat. If not, the airbag light is on because the airbag system is detecting a malfunction. At this point you will need to have a shop with the proper scan tool test the airbag (SRS system) to look for fault codes. The issue could be one of the sensors is faulty or a wiring issue.

I am thinking of an electric car, and I know Tesla vehicles are some of the best, but I have an emotional problem with Elon and just can't buy one of his cars. I am looking for a compact SUV but also with luxury features. I looked at the Audi but was not thrilled considering the price.

I recently spent a week in the all-electric Genesis GV 60 performance version. The interior is very luxurious, the infotainment system is one of the best in recent memory and as a SUV it is handy but does not feel like a truck. The performance and handling are very good, and the adver-

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tised range of the all-wheel-drive performance model is 250 miles. I only can charge at home with a 120-volt outlet, but this slow charge indicated over 300 miles of range. I drove this car every day, charged it every night and always started the day with a vehicle that could travel 300 miles before recharging.

Do you see car prices coming down in the future? I remember negotiating from the dealer cost, but today it seems like some prices are above MSRP.

A combination of Covid 19, supply chain issues and demand drove up car prices. Today we are starting to see more inventory on dealer lots. Higher inventories typically mean better prices for consumers. If you are shopping, use the internet to find the best price. Sometimes driving an extra 50-100 miles can result in thousands of dollars of savings.

My Ford Taurus has a problem that if the car sits for three or four days it will not start. If I get a jump start it fires right up. My battery and starter were fine and everything else tested okay; could it be a sensor or fuel pump?

If the car starts with a jump and the battery is fully charged, I would look for an electrical problem. On some Ford vehicles the battery ground cable has been known to cause intermittent no-start problems. A technician with a voltmeter will perform a "voltage-drop" test to determine the cause of your car's intermittent no-start problem. If you cannot get the car to a garage look for dirty/corroded connections. Start with the battery and work as far as you can, cleaning on the way.

I have a 2018 Acura RDX with only 29,000 miles on it. When applying the brakes there is a thumping sound from the right front. I checked the tire and there is no visible damage. The brake rotor also looks okay. The warranty has long expired - what could be wrong?

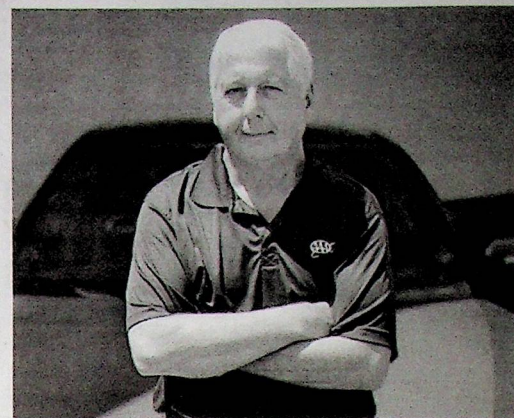
A thumping sound is typically a loose component or an out of round brake rotor. The issue could be a loose caliper mount, pad moving or even a suspension part. At this point, the only thing to do is take the car to a repair shop and demonstrate the problem and have them perform an inspection of the braking and suspension system.

I added about a half-gallon of blue window washer fluid to my coolant by mistake a couple of days ago. This is a new car to me (I have had it six months) and I feel like an idiot, did I do any damage? Do I need to system flushed and new antifreeze added or is it okay to leave it as is?

This is actually a fairly common occurrence - you are not an idiot. Window washer fluid is mostly alcohol and water so there shouldn't be any engine harm. What I would be more concerned about is that you needed to add that much fluid to the engine cooling system in only six months. You should have the cooling system checked for a possible leak.

I recently purchased a five-year-old Lexus and took it to my own mechanic to have it checked after I bought it. When she scanned the computer, she found a dozen fault codes. Now the car ran great, and the check engine light was off. When I went back to the dealer, they checked it over and replaced the battery. Could the battery really be causing all those codes?

A good battery is critical to the proper operation of newer cars. Battery voltage that is low or varying can cause all kinds of mischief with computer-controlled systems. My suggestion is drive the car for a couple of hundred miles and then rescan the computer.



JOHN PAUL
AAA's Car Doctor

I have heard you mention WORX tools on your radio program. Are they really any good?

I have several WORX tools, from a weed trimmer, leaf blower to an impact wrench and light duty angle grinder and been quite happy with the overall performance. One reason I like them is they all share the same 20-volt battery. So, the chances of always having a fully charged battery are quite good.

I just inherited a 2014 Honda CRV with only 52,000 miles on it. When I am accelerating normally from 25 mph to around 40 mph, sometimes I feel the engine bogging down and have this shuddering/vibration. Other times the car runs great. Since the car did not cost me anything I am willing to put money into it. Is this a known issue and what can I do to fix it?

If the engine is running properly, I would be looking at a possible transmission issue. Honda did issue a technical service bulletin (not a recall or warranty extension) with a computer update and transmission fluid replacement. In some cases, the transmission may need to be replaced. I would try changing the transmission fluid (use only Honda fluid), in many cases this cures this symptom.

My question is a pretty easy one, I hope. I perform routine maintenance on my family's cars and just want to know your thoughts on Marvel Mystery Oil as both a fuel additive and oil additive. Is this product really beneficial for both? Also, what are your thoughts on oil flush additives before an oil change?

I think nearly every mechanic has used Marvel Mystery oil for everything from engine lubrication to oiling shop air tools. I have used it on an older engine to quiet noisy valve lifters and even added some to an engine that had not run in years and had good luck. The issue is more on a modern engine. Marvel Mystery oil changes the viscosity of the oil and can also affect the additive packages in modern oil. The problem is it could work great, or it could cause a problem and there is no way to know, unless you have the oil analyzed. As a regular additive I would be cautious about using it. As for adding it to fuel, I do not see a problem of adding a few ounces periodically when filling the gas tank to help clean combustion deposits. Regarding oil flushing, if the oil is changed on a regular basis, I see no need for adding a flushing chemical. In fact, many car manufacturers recommend against it.

Hi, do you know the name of the yellow plastic piece that holds the wires against the radiator and then goes to the fan? I am replacing some parts in a 22-year-old car, and I am trying to buy new ones, but the dealer was not much help, they said the car is too old.

I assume you mean a wire loom retainer or wire retainer. There are different types, screw on or bolt on clips or push in style. Go to a local auto parts store with one of the old ones, even if you break it and look for a Dorman display. Dorman tends to have all kinds of hardware solutions, and I think you will find something that works.

I belong to a car club, and we have monthly cruise nights. I was at one over the summer and noticed you sponsored the dash plaques. How do I go about getting you to sponsor plaques for our event?

Go to your nearest AAA office and ask to talk with the manager. Some offices have a budget for community events, especially if those events help support local charities.

I have a 2007 Toyota Rav 4 - with about 235,000 miles usage. The driver's side seat has two rips/tears and the seat back upholstery is showing some stress. The passenger side seems OK. Where would the best local-ish place to go for seat repair?

Like finding a good repair shop, doctor or dentist finding a good upholstery shop can be a challenge. Personal recommendations are always the best, check with social media

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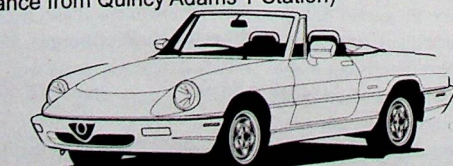
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Movie Review: 'Beetlejuice Beetlejuice'

By **BOB GARVER**

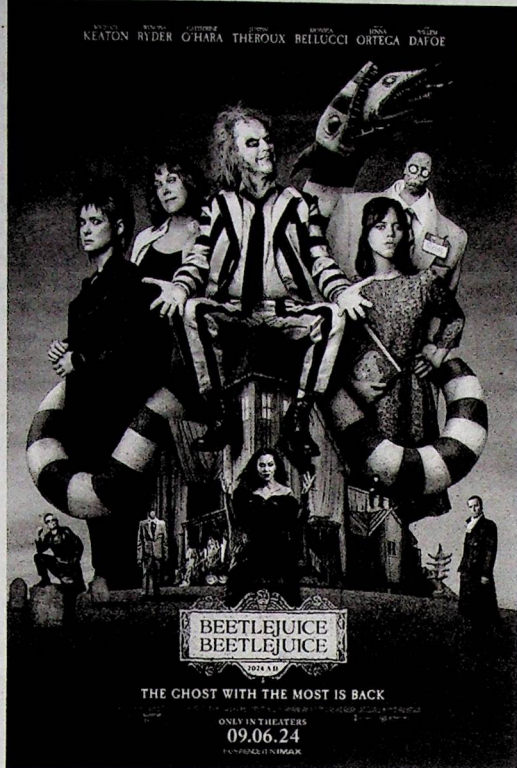
In preparation for "Beetlejuice Beetlejuice," I watched the original film from 1988. I found that I liked "some" things about it, like the set and character designs and much of the humor, but it's not a film I would recommend overall.

The special effects weren't well-integrated (even for the 80's), motivations between the warring factions made no sense, and worst of all, the characters just weren't likeable. I'm not talking about obvious villains like the ruthless profiteers or Michael Keaton's sleazy trickster-for-hire Beetlejuice (hereafter referred to as "Beetlejuice"). I mean that I couldn't even root for harmless yuppie couple the Maitlands (you guys are dead, find something to do with your eternal lives and stop bothering the living) or Winona Ryder's teenage goth icon Lydia Deetz ("somebody" wants attention.)

The good news is that the new film is better about making its protagonists likeable. The bad news is that, while it addresses one issue, others remain and a few new ones pop up.

The story finds the now-adult Lydia returning to her family's old home to attend her father's funeral. In tow are her eccentric artist stepmother Delia (Catherine O'Hara, reprising her role from the first movie), her manipulative fiancé Rory (Justin Theroux), and her distant daughter Astrid (Jenna Ortega). Though moody around her family and bullies, Astrid isn't as standoffish as Lydia was in the original. She even makes friends with local boy Jeremy (Arthur Conti) and the two have a sweet little romance that you know is too wholesome for this movie, so something's going to have to go wrong.

What isn't too wholesome is what's going on in the Netherworld. Ever-summy bio-exorcist Beetlejuice isn't having much luck with his favorite pastime of haunting Lydia, appearing to her for only a split-second at a time, which



makes her question her sanity. He's being haunted himself by his ex-wife Delores (Monica Bellucci). The two have a tumultuous history, having killed one another in their human forms. Now she's back in his (after)life and she wants... to suck out his soul, I think. Or maybe she wants to remarry him? Or use him for a demonic ritual? Like its predecessor, this movie has a problem establishing motivations. Her inventive introduction in a scene where she fixes her own dismemberment is supposed to compensate for a lack of character development. Also underdeveloped is Willem Dafoe as Wolf Jackson, an actor who played detectives in his lifetime before transitioning to a career as an actual detective in the afterlife. Sometimes he gets his roles and his job mixed up. Great idea for a character, but the movie never quite knows how to work him into the story.

Twists and turns wind toward a wedding between Lydia and Rory that Beetlejuice wants to crash. Poor Lydia just wants to keep her family alive and Beetlejuice out of her life, but of course things can't be that simple. She has to go through an ordeal filled with demonic

babies, a half-devoured-by-fish ex-husband (not to be confused with her half-devoured-by-fish father), a literal Soul Train, and another forced musical number that wants to outdo the "Day-O (The Banana Boat Song)" sequence from the original.

Like the original "Beetlejuice," I like the creativity and humor on display here, but I don't like that the script is full of holes (and not just of the "afterlife rules are random" variety) and plot threads that go nowhere. What helps is that in this movie, the three generations of women that serve as protagonists are ultimately more loving and supportive than the characters in the original. In fact, it helps so much that, unlike its predecessor, I will recommend this movie. I'll even look forward to the inevitable third installment, as I seriously doubt that a franchise obsessed with saying a character's name three times is going to stop at two.

Grade: B-
"Beetlejuice Beetlejuice" is rated PG-13 for violent content, macabre and bloody images, strong language, some suggestive material and brief drug use. Its running time is 105 minutes.

WHAT'S COOKING

with

Marie & Suzie

By **MARIE D'OLIMPIO** and **SUZIE FALCO**



Peach Gorgonzola Appetizer

By **MARIE**

A few years ago, at a delightful summer luncheon hosted by my niece, Natalie, she served a delicious Peach Gorgonzola Appetizer. This is a very easy and simple recipe, that was such a hit that some of the guests went home and made it right away.

I have shared this recipe before, but it's a great summer dessert, so I thought I would share it again.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees; lightly grease a baking dish

Ingredients:
4 peach halves (jarred or canned, syrup and/or juice drained)
Gorgonzola crumbles

Walnuts (chopped: plain or candied) Honey to taste

If you are using fresh peaches, peel the peaches and cut in half. Remove the peach pit.

Put the peaches in a baking pan and put cheese crumbles in the hollowed-out space. Bake at 350 degrees about 15 minutes or until cheese is melted.

Take out and put chopped walnuts on top of the cheese (lightly, chopped small).

Drizzle with honey.
This recipe can be topped with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream, but is delicious without any additional toppings.
Serves 4 (or 2, with 2 each).

Coleslaw

By **SUZIE**

When you think of Coleslaw you don't normally think of it as a "health food."

But you should. If it isn't soaked in low quality industrial-grade mayonnaise, it really shines.

Cabbage is a superstar in the vegetable kingdom loaded with cancer fighting properties, fiber, and vitamins. Carrots certainly shine as well, and when you add virgin olive oil which is considered a healthy fat, and apple cider vinegar and raw honey, which are great traditional healing foods, what's not to like?

Coleslaw is lovely served with fish of course, but equally delicious even on its own with a baked potato and some greens, or with some chicken or steak. Enjoy!

COLESLAW

12 ounce bag of prepared coleslaw mix
OR if you really want to do it right, use ½ head of green organic cabbage

2 carrots, grated
1/4 cup sliced red onion
1/3 cup chopped fresh parsley

DRESSING

3 tablespoons virgin olive oil
2 tablespoons raw apple cider vinegar (I like using Bragg's brand)
2 teaspoons raw honey
¼ teaspoon cumin
Salt and pepper to taste (about ½ teaspoon sea salt and ¼ teaspoon fresh ground pepper)

Slice the cabbage in half then in quarters. Now slice very thinly and combine with other ingredients except for dressing ingredients.

Whisk together dressing ingredients in a small bowl and dress the veggies to taste. Adjust seasonings to your liking. Some like it sweeter so just add more honey.

This tastes best when in the refrigerator for a bit, to let the flavors mingle.

NeighborWorks Housing Solutions Awarded \$250,000 Grant From Atrius Health Equity Foundation

NeighborWorks Housing Solutions, a housing service provider in southern Massachusetts, is the recipient of a \$250,000 grant from the Atrius Health Equity Foundation, an award that will be disbursed over the course of the next five years.

The grant will support NeighborWorks Housing Solutions' efforts to be part of the solution in addressing medical debt.

The Atrius Health Equity Foundation is a non-profit philanthropic organization dedicated to closing the life expectancy gap in Eastern Massachusetts. Medical debt hurts families economically and impedes access to care. One in eight Massachusetts residents has family medical debt and this burden falls disproportionately on communities of color, with 20 percent of Black residents and 16 percent of Hispanic residents reporting family medical debt.

NeighborWorks Housing Solutions has a long history of addressing health equity by integrating health programming into their housing initiatives. The agency ensures that individuals and families have access to safe, stable, and affordable homes, which is fundamental to overall health and well-being.

NHS partners with healthcare providers and other community organizations to create comprehensive health programs, including food pantries, exercise classes, and community gardens. In addition, NHS actively involves residents in identifying and addressing health concerns.

"Many don't realize that medical debt is a major contribution to housing instability for families in our region," said Robert Corley, CEO of NeighborWorks Housing Solutions. "We are so grateful for this generous grant from the Atrius Health Equity Foundation. Creating healthier, more equitable communities is at the core of our mission and with this grant we can expand our outreach programs, strengthen partnerships, and enhance community resources to improve the quality of life for all residents."

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and even local body shops. The issue is, an upholstery shop may have no interest in trying to repair a worn seat, if it is even possible. A better and potentially cheaper option may be a set of DIY custom seat covers. I was recently looking at a set for a similar vehicle on an online site - CarID.com and they had what looked like a nice neoprene set for less than \$200.

What is the cost of a muffler for a 2008 Toyota Corolla?

It really depends on where the work is performed, the quality of the parts used and what actually needs to be replaced. If it is just the muffler, the muffler and labor at the dealer would be around \$500, at an independent shop using non-Toyota parts about \$250. If the pipe that connects to the muffler needs replacement, then it becomes more expensive since that pipe includes the catalytic converter, which can add \$1,000 or more to the price.

I have a 2015 Subaru Forester with only 26,067 miles on it. The car failed inspection last year in October because the car's computer system was not ready to be tested as the car was not driven enough. I paid the dealer to drive it to pass inspection. I am elderly and use the car locally. I am afraid of the same problem again. Can I monitor the car's computer system, so I know it has enough mileage to pass inspection? Is there a device to use? Can you recommend on average how many miles per month or year the car needs to be driven to avoid this problem?

On all newer cars there are readiness monitors. These monitors keep track of several systems in the car, such as the catalytic converter operation, fuel system and oxygen sensors. Typically, once the monitors are set you should be fine. Perhaps last inspection you had the battery replaced or other maintenance erased the car's computer memory and cleared the monitors. Without going through the inspection process a technician with a scan tool can quickly tell if the car is ready to be inspected.

I have a 2013 Acura ILX 2.0 with 95,000 miles on it. The car is driven about 4,000 miles a year and we intend to keep it. I have slowly been doing maintenance on it to keep it up and am now considering replacing the serpentine belt which I guess is the alternator belt and replacing the spark plugs. Neither have even been replaced previously. I have an estimate of \$229 on the belt (1 hour labor and \$80 for the part) and \$281 for the plugs (1 hour labor plus \$132 for 4 Iridium spark plugs). This is not a quote from an Acura dealer. This seems like a lot, especially for the cost of the spark plugs. I assume you concur with doing this additional maintenance. Is the price appropriate? The car currently runs fine and starts with no issues.

It is always best to maintain a car rather than wait for issues while you are on the road. Looking at AllData, the database I use, the labor times have been rounded up a bit to one hour for each job. All shops markup parts, this can be anywhere from 40-100 percent over what the shop pays at local parts house. The dealer would charge \$45 per spark plug and \$59 for the drive belt. If you like the shop you are using, they have treated you well in the past, yes, they may be a little high, but certainly not outrageous. To answer your question: yes proactively doing maintenance on an 11-year-old car is a good idea.

I am looking for advice. I recently went to the dealer to have an oil change, tires rotated, and a recall performed on my 2023 Toyota Tacoma. I marked all of the tire positions, and the tires were not rotated. When I questioned the oil change (no charge as part of the sales contract), they said there was miscommunication between the tech

and the advisor. The tech felt the oil wasn't dirty and didn't need changing. But where I am really concerned is about the recall, how do I know it was performed. I called NHTSA 888-327-4236 and they said to complain to Toyota. I am worried my axles could come off.

It certainly sounds like it is time to look for a new dealership. The recall I believe was there is a possibility that the bolts on the axle flange could be loose due to welding slag under the fasteners. This is pretty obvious for someone to check and also loosen the nuts and retighten them to the proper specification which is 33-foot pounds.

I think the key fob batteries on my Santa Fe are starting to go after 4-5 years. Does that sound right? If this is the case, is it do-it-yourself or take it to a shop?

Key fob battery life can vary from in my experience from one to 10 years. I was evaluating a less than one year old Genesis and got a warning that the key wasn't detected. The battery was low, and I needed the physical key to open the door and had push the start button with the key fob for the car to start. Like the Genesis, your Hyundai uses a very popular CR2032 button battery and can be easily installed with just a small screwdriver.

I am going to Cape Cod for 10 days and wanted to know about local car museums or other fun things to do for the week.

The Heritage Museum and Gardens (Sandwich) has about 45 cars in a Shaker Barn, as well as other attractions and beautiful grounds. Then there is Toad Hall in Hyannis port. The last time I was there were over 50 sports cars, mostly English with a Mazda, Ferrari and Datsuns. What was interesting was they were all red.

Not a question, I just wanted to let you know about one of your suggestions. Several years back I asked you about something my daughter and I could do together. She worked on her cheap Jeep before she was old enough to drive it and now is in engineering school. We took your advice and purchased a Factory Five Cobra kit car. We worked and tinkered whenever we had free time, and it was a great experience. Also, the folks at Factory Five Racing were great to deal with.

Thanks for the comments. Over the years readers have told me about these experiences, from building cars, boats to houses and how it made lasting memories and, in your case, a great car.

I have a 2009 Toyota Camry, it runs great, but the air conditioner just doesn't blow cold air. When I turn it on, the compressor engages but no cold air. Any simple things I can check?

You should start by looking at the pressures in the system, using gauges. If you don't have access to a gauge set, then let the AC run and feel the hoses going in and out of the evaporator. One should be cold, and one should be warm. If one is frosty cold, I suspect the interior blend door is stuck. If the lines are warm, then you could have a stuck control valve.

I have a 2010 Buick Enclave CXL. It was working fine until one day thick white smoke started coming out of both mufflers. Do you know what that could be? If it is something expensive, I will likely just junk the car.

White smoke out of a tail pipe is coolant being burned during combustion. It sounds as if this is an internal coolant leak. It could be one of two possibilities a cylinder head gasket/engine block issue or a leaking intake manifold. I would have it towed to a repair shop for an evaluation. Depending on the repair, it is going to be expensive or very expensive.

I have had a Toyota RAV4 for years and now it is time for a replacement. One vehicle that I am looking at is the Hyundai Tucson - what do you think?

The Hyundai Tucson is a very nice compact (although not really small) SUV. There are a couple of engine choices,

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front or all-wheel-drive and a variety of trim levels and option packages. The last Tucson that I drove really impressed me. The ride was smooth and quiet, fuel economy was in the high 20s, the infotainment system worked well although I still prefer knobs over touch screen. I would not hesitate to buy one if it fits your needs and budget.

I am considering changing professions. Right now I am in retail, but I like working with my hands and especially on cars. I live in the Boston area. What do you suggest and where do I start?

Perhaps start with a part-time job on Saturday in a garage while you still are working full-time. If you really like the work and atmosphere, then consider professional training. Here in New England we are fortunate that there are very good choices that also are degree programs. Mass Bay Community College is the one I am most familiar with. They offer programs sponsored by four major automotive brands including BMW, Toyota/Lexus, General Motors, and JEEP/Chrysler/Dodge/Ram. In addition, Mass Bay offers a non-manufacture specific All Brand General Studies program, which provides students with a broad education and hands-on training on multiple types of makes and models of vehicles. Mount Wachusett Community College (Gardner MA) also has a very good automotive program. Recently the governor in Massachusetts announced free community college for many Massachusetts residents. This even makes these community college automotive programs more appealing. The idea of free tuition and possible paid co-op work sounds like a winning combination.

I have a 2011 Grand Cherokee with a 3.6 Pentastar engine with 186,000 miles on it. It has been maintained by me, and oil and filter always changed earlier than recommended, always using Mobil 1 synthetic. Does it make sense for me to get ahead of repairs and put timing chain kits, lifters, and rocker arms and water pump as well as oil filter housing in this otherwise bullet proof engine? I would do the work myself, being a retired mechanic. I love this vehicle and believe it could be driven another 100,000 miles.

I certainly think the synthetic oil and more frequent oil changes can certainly help minimize repairs. The rockers arms and camshaft can wear if oil isn't changed often enough. The oil filter housing is a failure point and Dorman makes an aluminum one that is more robust than the OE plastic housing. The timing chain and related components is a bit like the rocker arms the quality oil and oil change intervals could be extending their life. I hate replacing good parts but getting close to 200,000 miles and if you plan on keeping it and you have the time talent and budget -which it sounds like you have the repairs probably makes sense. You know the common failure points, so either watchful waiting or do it all. For me I would wait, look and listen, but your idea is certainly a good one.

I have been driving for nearly 65 years. Hence have driven and or owned lots of cars and hence been through a lot of maintenance issues. The other day I was surprised by a new recommendation when paying for an oil change, tire rotation and multipoint inspection. "Your lug nuts are swollen on your 2015 Buick Lacrosse (50,220 or so miles). We may not be able to rotate your tires the next time." We drove it off the lot brand new 12/31/2014. I have never heard of this. Any thoughts?

Unfortunately, this is a pretty common with some vehicles. The steel nut rusts under the chrome cap. If this were my car, I would replace the two-piece lug nuts with solid lug nuts. The one piece solid lug nuts are chrome plated and won't swell up with age. When replacing the factory lug nuts, make sure they are the same size, use the same size lug wrench and have the same tapered design as the factory style.

How To Determine If You Need To File Bankruptcy

Overwhelming debt can be unbearable, impacting all facets of one's life. To remedy the situation, many people turn to bankruptcy as a debt relief option.

Bankruptcy is a legal process that eliminates some — or all — of a person's debt. The two most common types of consumer bankruptcy — Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 — address specific debts such as credit card and medical debt. Student loans, back taxes and child or spousal support payments are not relieved by bankruptcy.

"With either form of bankruptcy, it's important to consider the impacts to short- and long-term financial goals," said Amy Robbins, associate director of operations with Take Charge America, a nonprofit credit counseling and debt management agency. "Bankruptcy can devastate your financial outlook for many years to come and should only

be used as a last resort. There are several other debt relief options that can be considered first."

Before considering bankruptcy, Robbins encourages people to think about the following:

- **Alternative debt relief options:** There are options that don't carry the same long-term repercussions as bankruptcy. Credit counseling is free through nonprofit agencies that help you identify the best relief method for your individual situation. One of those options may be a debt management plan (DMP), which reduces the length of time it takes to pay off debt and may offer additional concessions, such as waived fees and lower interest rates. Debt consolidation may be an option, too, if you have good credit. And, you can ask your creditors directly if they offer hardship programs

while you're experiencing temporary setbacks.

- **Car and home status:** Bankruptcy will stay on your credit report for seven to 10 years. This makes it significantly harder to secure a loan for a home or vehicle and leads to higher interest rates and less favorable terms.

- **Employment status:** Some types of financial, government and managerial jobs will run a credit report on prospective hires. A bankruptcy may raise concerns about financial responsibility and stability, preventing you from attaining certain positions.

- **Attorney's fees:** Although bankruptcy doesn't require a lawyer, it's recommended for best outcomes. It's important to evaluate whether the cost of legal fees makes sense, or if another debt relief path can be pursued.

Social Security Matters

Widow's Benefits Vs. Benefits From Ex-Spouse

By RUSSELL GLOOR
National Social Security Advisor
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Dear Rusty: In November I will be 60 and eligible for widow's benefits. My late husband's Social Security was approximately \$2,300 when he passed around 7 years ago. FYI, my ex-husband is still working and will probably receive the highest SS when he retires in about 5 years (we were married for more than 10 years). Either of these is more than my own Social Security will be, so how does this work? Will this turn into my Social Security? Can I start on one and switch to the other later? **Signed: Wondering Widow**

Dear Wondering Widow: Provided you have not remarried before age 60, you have a choice which benefit to receive – either your deceased husband's benefit as his surviving spouse, or your ex-spouse benefit from your ex-husband while he is still living. Taking your survivor benefit from your deceased husband will likely be best because it is based on 100% of his SS amount when he died, whereas your ex-spouse benefit from your living ex-husband is based on 50% of his FRA entitlement. To get an ex-spouse benefit from your ex-husband (which you can't get until you are 62), your own SS retirement benefit would need to be less than 50% of your ex's FRA entitlement.

As you know, you will be eligible for survivor (widow's) benefits from your deceased husband when you are 60 but be aware that by taking your survivor benefit at 60, it will be reduced for early claiming. Rather than 100% of your husband's SS benefit, at age 60 you will get about 71.5%. Your surviving spouse benefit reaches maximum at your full retirement age (FRA) of 67 and will grow to that point but will be reduced if taken prior to that.

Also, if you are working, Social Security's "earnings test" will apply until you reach your full retirement age, so your plans for working may influence your decision on when to claim your widow's benefit. If you exceed the earnings limit (\$22,320 for 2024; it changes annually), Social Security will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit. They "take away" by withholding future benefits until the penalty is satisfied, which means you would go some number of months without benefits. And, if you substantially exceed the earnings limit you may even be temporarily ineligible for any SS benefits (until you earn less or reach your FRA – the earnings test goes away at your FRA).

If you claim your surviving spouse benefits from your deceased husband first, and your ex-husband later dies, you do have the option to switch to the higher survivor benefit from your ex-husband. In effect, if both husbands are deceased, you have a choice which benefit to take (and, obviously, you'd choose the higher of the two).

None of this, however, happens automatically. To claim your surviving spouse benefit you will need to contact Social Security directly at 1-800-772-1213 (or call your local SS office) to make an appointment to apply for widow's benefits.

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To submit a question, visit amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory or email ssadviser@amacfoundation.org.

Friends Of Wollaston Beach Invite Volunteers To Help With Coastsweep Cleanup Saturday

Friends of Wollaston Beach invite the public to take part in Coastsweep cleanup Saturday, Sept. 21 from 10 a.m. to noon. Volunteers should meet at the Wollaston Beach parking area across from the Bath House on Quincy Shore Drive.

This is the last formal cleanup of the season. For over a decade, Friends of Wollaston Beach has joined with the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management for the annual Coastsweep Cleanup.

Coastsweep is a worldwide cleanup collecting marine debris, trash, fishing line and other human-made items, and categorizing and tallying what is found. Coastsweep Massachusetts was formed in 1987. Participants join hundreds of thousands of other volunteers in the world's largest volun-

teer effort for the ocean – Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup. Data collected is used to find solutions for keeping trash out of the ocean.

"If you do only one cleanup per year, this should be it!" said Friends of Wollaston Beach President Maureen Mazrimas. "Pre-registration is not required; it can be done on site. Bags and gloves will be provided," she noted.

For further details visit friendsofwollaston.com.

To join FWB or volunteer, email Maureen Mazrimas at friendsofwollastonbeach@gmail.com. Dues at \$10 per year can be sent to Friends of Wollaston Beach, 49 Bayberry Rd., Quincy, MA 02171.

Welcoming Change With Mindfulness

By LORI SCOTT, E-RYT 500, YACEP

CHANGE. The only constant there is in life, suggesting that nothing stays the same forever. The season of change is upon us. Sometimes, change may be embraced with excitement and other times, the thought of change may cause some anxiety or be very difficult to accept.

It takes courage to grow, learn from our lessons and become resilient to change. When the change isn't easy and requires us to step out of our comfort zone, that's when it has the greatest impact. Mindfulness practices can offer us new perspectives allowing us to sit with the inevitable changes life brings with some reassurance and peace.

Let's try this simple activity together:

- Bring your palms together, interlace your fingers and fold your hands.
- Notice which thumb rests on top.
- Now separate your hands. Then, bring them together again, but this time, place the other thumb on top. Feels strange, right?
- Now separate and fold again, going back to the comfortable way.
- Keep going, switching back and forth a few more times.

With a little time and practice, we eventually find comfort in the new way. Rather than seeing this change as an adjustment, you might think of the change as an awakening!

Some changes in life are not as simple as this activity, but if we take this mindset into other areas of life, it's a helpful reminder that we'll be okay if the story changes. As long as the sun goes up and the sun goes down, with time and evolving circumstances, everything WILL change. The real question is: how will you handle these changes in life?

When the leaves begin to fall in the coming weeks, the trees will not be worried. In time, their branches will bloom again. Let's take our cues from Mother Nature and cultivate a growth mindset this fall with a few LEAVES...

L - LEARN the meaning behind the change you are experiencing. Is this change moving your life in a positive or negative direction? Understanding that either way, it's okay for things to change. When you brought your hands together a moment ago, it was unfamiliar but you knew there was no reason to be afraid and so you welcomed the simple challenge with curiosity. If the change presented to you has a negative impact on your life, you may have to dig a little deeper and allow time for reflection. Know when it's time to turn inward, breathe and manifest what your change looks and feels like. How do you envision this change? Why do you need this transformation to occur in your life? Your intentions are rich with knowledge and will always lead you in the right direction. When you understand your needs during times of transition, you open up space for fresh new opportunities to come into your life.

E - EMBRACE change as a process. If you can look at change as a process, you may feel a shift in your thinking. When you saw that you were moving forward with folding your hands in a different direction, you began embracing the process and perhaps you even sped up the process to see how fast you could go. The first time felt awkward and uncomfortable, then a little messy as you worked through it, and then... an awakening! This activity required some patience and a practice of self-regulating your mind to trust the process.

A - ACCEPT the change. Once you've embraced the change, you'll be one step closer to accepting it. This part comes naturally because now you understand the change. Accepting things as they are in the present moment is a core component of mindfulness, especially if you can welcome new things without judgment. The activity of folding your hands is just a different experience. It isn't good, it isn't bad, it just IS. Since we know change is inevitable we can have a sense of ease trusting that whatever the situation is, it will pass like clouds in the sky. Endlessly changing and replaced with new ones. Knowing this helps to not get caught up in the situation, trusting it will be replaced by another one soon.

MONTHLY MINDFULNESS

By Lori Scott, E-RYT 500

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V - VOW to apply the change. Now that you've accepted the change, you automatically begin applying it. You're not afraid of change anymore and you embrace it naturally. You understand the process, you mastered the inconvenience and you know that things will be okay. If you are facing a big transition in your life, maybe this simple but powerful phrase will help inform your decisions: If nothing changes, nothing changes. Sometimes you just need to take your life in a radical new direction and that can feel scary. But, trust that you have the power to get through uncomfortable things. You already changed the course of things today, you shifted your story. Make a vow to yourself that you will take action.

E - EXPECT change. Life is a cycle where everything starts anew so if you expect things to change, then you may become less overwhelmed when it happens. Understanding that this cycle will eventually lead you to a different experience, you may feel a sense of balance that this too, shall pass. Knowing that tomorrow promises to bring different changes, you may be able to appreciate what's in front of you today.

S - SEE change as an opportunity. Believe that change is an opportunity to learn and grow, and that you can improve your skills and abilities through effort and feedback. While you can't stop change from happening, you can transform it into an opportunity to learn a lesson and gain wisdom. Shift your mindset and ask: why is this change happening FOR me? See the bigger picture!

Try applying a "LEAVES" approach to your own real life changes this season by filling in the blank with the situation you are adjusting to:

- (L)earn the meaning behind the _____.
- (E)mbrace this _____ as a process.
- (A)cept the new _____.
- (V)ow to apply the _____.
- (E)xpect the _____ to change again.
- (S)ee this _____ as an opportunity to grow.

Welcome this new season with new intentions and opportunities. Every single day is a new chance to begin again and experience an awakening. We don't have to wait for New Year's Day to start over, now is the perfect time to practice. Take a long, deep breath. Trust that whatever your situation is today, it will not stay the same forever.

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In addition to teaching yoga, meditation, wellness classes & workshops, Lori is a trained Trauma-Conscious Yoga Teacher offering free yoga to Service Members, Veterans & First Responders. Lori also holds certifications in Clinically-Informed Restorative Yoga, Kids Yoga, Seniors Yoga, Chair Yoga, Balanced Athlete® and Barre. Lori is mostly known in the community for teaching her signature Beach Yoga classes.

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Quincy Arts Council 2025 Grant Applications Available Online

Oct. 16 Application Deadline • Online Community Input Meeting Oct. 1

Quincy Arts Council is now accepting applications for Massachusetts Cultural Council 2025 Local Cultural Council (LCC) grants. The LCC grants are the primary means by which the state funds cultural activities in local communities.

Any organization, group, or individual engaged in or planning a project in the arts, humanities, or interpretive science in Quincy is invited to apply. Applications are completed and submitted online. Paper applications are not accepted.

Grants are made on a reimbursement basis. Applications will be accepted through Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2024. No applications will be accepted after Oct. 16.

To begin the application process, people should go to massculturalcouncil.org/quincy.

Quincy Arts Council will hold a public online information and input meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 1, at 5 p.m., in person at the Adams Academy, 8 Adams St. in Quincy, and online via Zoom. The meeting is an opportunity for people

to ask questions about the application process and to offer input about the Arts Council and its mission. Anyone wishing to attend via Zoom can obtain the link by emailing quincyartsCouncil@gmail.com or phoning the Academy at 617-773-1144.

People can also ask questions about the application process at the same email address or phone number during standard business hours.



Real Estate

Quincy Real Estate Transactions September 9 - September 13

Transactions are compiled by the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds

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108 Franklin Place LLC
James Kurnick
Quincy 4 6 South LLC
Jay Evans
Vernon Dailey & Charlene Neu
Linda & Mary Picard
Cheuk Tsang & Shannon Situ
Justin Heyninck & Cleo Guerette-Murphy
Quincy 4 6 South LLC
Brian Clary

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Ryan Haines
Kongxin Chen & Yinoing Lin
Ri Huang & Lai Fong
David & Lori Scott
MC Smile Realty LLC
Oded Myers
Vahid & Jasmine Rohani
139 West Street LLC
Evergreen 132 LLC
Shimian Zeng
Yoshinobu & Setsuko Sato
Brent Ifemembi
Erik Tseng
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\$960,000
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\$365,000
\$759,900
\$785,000
\$935,000
\$675,000

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90 Norton Road
12-14 Guild Street
175 Quincy Shore Drive
11 Oak Grove Terrace
52 Edison Street
6 South Street
45 Emerald Street

GOOD DEEDS: The Personal Touch

By WILLIAM P. O'DONNELL
Norfolk County Register of Deeds

It's no secret that people like personalized service. People have groceries and dinners sent to their homes. Others hire people to shop for them.

So, it made a lot of sense to me when I first became Register of Deeds in 2002 about bringing Registry services directly to the people of Norfolk County.

Today, through our community outreach program, we provide essential services and educational information to all 28 communities in Norfolk County. Our most popular community program is our office hours, usually held at your local town hall, whereby you can save time and money by getting your business done without driving to our Dedham location.

During my 2024 office hours tour I have had the pleasure of visiting various communities throughout Norfolk County taking the time to speak with various community groups to let their members know about Registry services and how they can easily access them from the convenience of their home computer. These local groups include: councils on aging, retirees, chambers of commerce, business associations, veterans, libraries, and men's and women's clubs. Another beneficial part of our traveling road show is the opportunity to meet with local town leaders and staff who work to keep the communities in our county running smoothly.

Thanks to the blending of modern technology and old fashioned customer service, we were able to give printouts of deeds (most popular request), check to see if individuals had any outstanding mortgages on their property, or whether a mortgage had been discharged, and help fill out a Homestead form that once recorded provides owners with limited protection of up to \$500,000 against unsecured debt when it comes to a forced sale of their principal residence.

Furthermore, we also acted as a courier bringing back documents that individuals needed to have recorded at the Registry. I can't tell you how many times people have said to me at office hours, "Thanks so much. I am glad you're here. It's not a long trip to Dedham but this saves me that trip." And for some people that can be a long ride, since Norfolk County stretches from Cohasset to communities

near the Rhode Island border like Bellingham and Wrentham.

If you miss our scheduled office hours and want to get a copy of your deed, don't worry. All you have to do is go online at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds website at www.norfolkdeeds.org click on 'Online Research' at the top of the bar and when the pop-up box appears click on 'Search for Your Deed,' and you can print a non-certified copy for free. If you would like a certified copy, the cost is usually very inexpensive. Certified deeds cost a dollar a page, and most deeds are two pages. Add a dollar on for mailing, and a certified copy of your deed will be sent to your home for \$3! all you have to do is visit or call our well regarded Customer Service Center, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 781-461-6101.

I want to take the opportunity to thank all of the individuals who came and visited us during our office hours and I hope that by doing so we were able to give you a bit of convenience and save you some time. I also want to thank the community leaders and town staff who worked with registry staff to coordinate these office hour events and gave us the opportunity to bring the Registry of Deeds and its records to the residence and property owners of Norfolk County.

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School Board Votes 5-2 For Open Forum Changes

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cally attend a School Committee meeting for a variety of reasons, and email provides them an alternative way to speak to the committee. If those emails are posted online and not read aloud, Perdios said there is no guarantee all committee members will read them.

"Everyone of those stakeholders has a different experience and perspective on our school district that I want to hear. And while I appreciate that emails will be posted online, the authors have no guarantee that all of the members will read and hear their concerns and also the public won't have the benefit of hearing the concerns shared in those emails," Perdios said.

"That all decreases the transparency of the issues we're discussing and vot-

ing on, it prevents the public from understanding the full range of reasons why we're voting how we are and making the decisions we do."

Gutro said he heard from a number of people who wanted to keep the policy as is.

"I listened to the parents, to the residents, to the students in the spring. I heard from a lot of folks over the course of the summer on this, that they not only want their letters read, but heard out loud. And those that watch on QATV, I think, value hearing those letters out loud and hearing the voice of the folks," Gutro said.

"It's become clear to me over the course of the summer that parents, students and residents wish to continue to have their voices heard and not just read.

We changed and kept a lot of policies in the wake of Covid, we call them Covid keepers, and I've come to the conclusion that this is a policy worth keeping."

Speaking in favor of the change, Koch said that while he had seen comments from residents regarding democracy, the country is a republic with an elected form of government. The mayor said he also hears from people on a regular basis, like when he is out and about in the city or by email and phone calls, meaning open forum is not the only way for people to speak with committee members.

"I don't know why people think they have to wait for School Committee to bring an issue forward. You don't have to wait for School Committee. You can reach out to us individually.

The superintendent and his team are open; they meet with parents, they meet with families on these issues," Koch said. "I'd like to make that comment: Folks, you don't have to wait for School Committee. Reach out to us. We're available."

Abraham Lincoln was able to deliver the Gettysburg Address in two minutes, Koch added, so speakers at open forum "can get their point across in three minutes."

During the open forum portion at the start of the Sept. 11 meeting, two residents – one a parent and the other a student – voiced their opposition to the proposed changes.

Kristine Hogan said having emails read aloud during the meeting is beneficial to parents who cannot attend

in-person because they have to work, have other commitments or have childcare issues and is also beneficial to parents whose first language is not English. Posting those emails online is not good enough, she stated.

"The parents and the overall community of Quincy voted all of you in to these positions and they are entrusting you to make critical decisions about the educational policies and the funding of our public school system and its programs," Hogan said. "I feel the least you can do is have the courtesy to ensure that if one of those constituents takes their time to share their thoughts with you...you

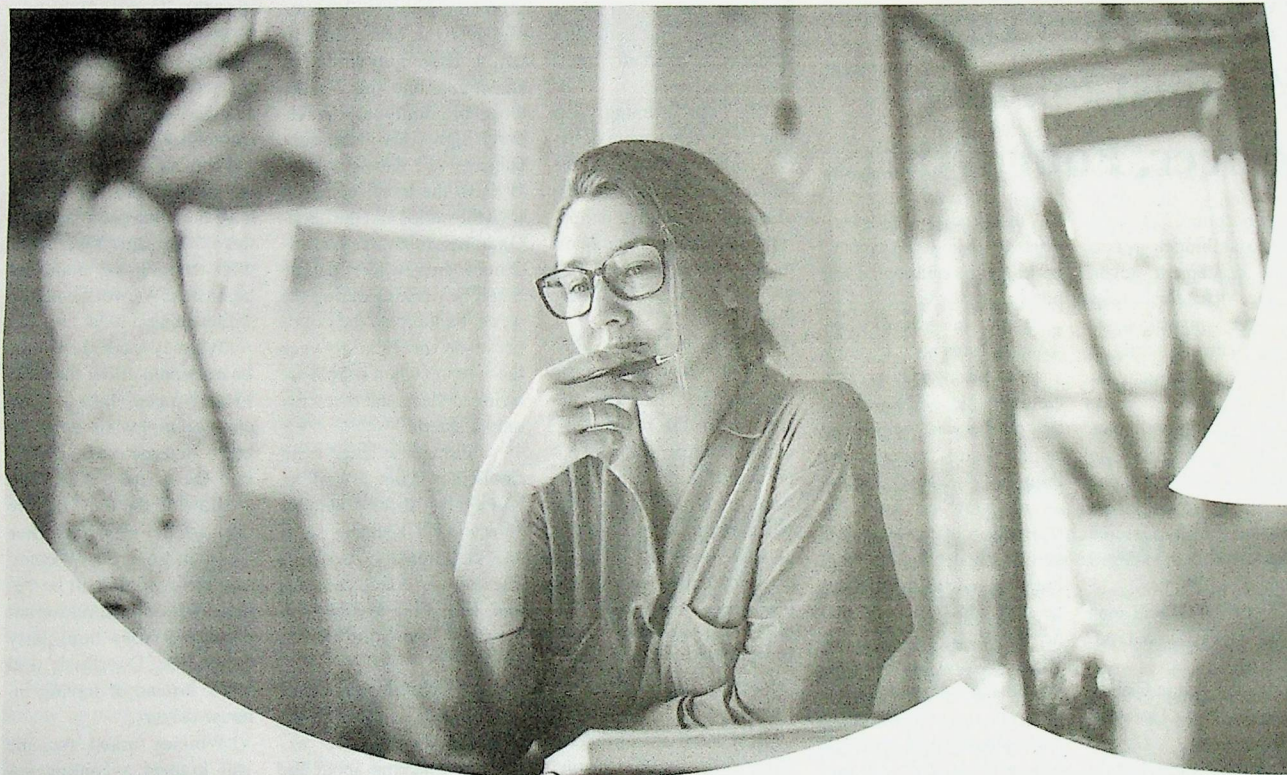
do the courtesy of listening to them and making sure that all members of School Committee have heard what

they have to say."

Amy Tan, a senior at North Quincy High School, said many of her peers do not have time to come to committee meetings because they play sports and participate in other after-school programs.

"A lot of us obviously don't have time to come to these meetings and we have opinions and we have voices and we want to have a voice, an actual voice, and feel our words being read," she said. "Not reading the email submissions is something that will deprive us of that voice."

The committee also received eight emails from community members opposed to the open forum changes, each of which was read aloud during the meeting.



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NORFOLK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE investigators found 238 strips of Suboxone hidden in two pomade containers taken from the offenders' cells during an investigation. NCSO has filed drug conspiracy charges against five people including a now former correction officer, two justice involved individuals held at the agency's correctional center in Dedham, and two women known to those men. Suboxone is one of the main medications used to treat opioid addiction and a common contraband item in correctional facilities across the United States.

Photo Courtesy NCSO

Sheriff's Office Files Drug Charges Against Former Correction Officer, Four Others

Norfolk County Sheriff Patrick W. McDermott announced Sept. 12 that the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office has filed drug conspiracy charges against five people including a now former correction officer, two justice involved individuals held at the agency's correctional center in Dedham, and two women known to those men.

The charges stem from an investigation launched by the NCSO on Aug. 1st after receiving intelligence of alleged illegal activity involving a probationary corrections officer who was hired in April, 2024 after undergoing a criminal background check, screenings, and training.

"The Norfolk County Sheriff's acted immediately after receiving the intelligence. That officer was confronted that day, before the start of his shift and he admitted to providing the narcotics to the offenders on Monday, July 29th," said Sheriff McDermott. "He was immediately placed on leave, escorted off the property, and terminated on Aug. 2nd."

The drug involved is Suboxone, which contains buprenorphine and naloxone. Suboxone is one of the main medications used to treat opioid addiction and a common contraband item in correctional facilities across the United States. NCSO in-

vestigators found 238 strips of Suboxone hidden in two pomade containers taken from the offenders' cells during the investigation. The approximate value of those strips in a correctional setting is \$47,600.

Based on surveillance video, interviews, and an electronic review of phone calls, NCSO investigators determined that five people were involved in the alleged criminal conspiracy.

- Correction Officer Jean Guirand, DOB 07/08/1984, Saugus, MA.

- Offender Dante Clarke, DOB 6/22/1999, Dorchester, MA

- Offender Cornel Bell, DOB 6/8/1995, Quincy, MA

- Avelina Faustin, DOB 2/4/2004, Brockton, MA

- Amaya Rogers, DOB 6/26/1997, Boston, MA

Complaints seeking charges of conspiracy, delivering drugs to a correctional facility, and possession of a Class B substance with intent to distribute against all five suspects were filed in Dedham District Court on Aug. 23.

"This officer betrayed the honor of the men and women who serve with honesty and integrity as dedicated correction officers in Norfolk County," said Sheriff McDermott. "We hold all staff to high standards. We strive to hire men and women of good character to ensure those who are hired

by our agency and those entrusted to lead it are grounded in the foundation of our mission and values."

NCSO investigators say the case dates back to about a week prior to July 29th. Guirand told NCSO investigators he was approached by Clarke to "bring something in for me." During an interview on Aug. 1st, Guirand told investigators he initially declined to help, but changed his mind when he was told by Clarke that he would be paid \$5,000, which he said he never received. Guirand told investigators he was not coerced to help the offenders, and said he was not sure why he was recruited by them.

Guirand said he was initially told by Clarke that the drug would be K2. NCSO investigators say the Suboxone strips were hidden inside Wendy's fast food bag handed to him by Rogers in the parking lot of the correctional facility on the night of July 29th. Guirand told NCSO investigators he then concealed the drugs between some trash bags when he returned to the offenders' housing unit, and later handed those bags to Clarke. NCSO investigators say they determined that Faustin had gained access to the narcotics at the direction of Clarke and Bell and that Faustin had given them to Rogers for drop off, after Faustin had failed earlier in the day to get the narcotics and the money to Guirand.

All of the suspects have been summoned to Dedham District Court for hearings in early October.

KFC Seeks To Stay Open Until 2 A.M. Weeknights

By SCOTT JACKSON

Members of the city's licensing board expressed concerns after the operator of the KFC in Wollaston sought to stay open later on weeknights.

During its meeting on Sept. 10, the Board of License Commissioners held a public hearing on the request of DE Foods, doing business as KFC, at 707 Hancock St., to stay open until 2 a.m. seven days a week. The store is currently open until midnight on weeknights and until 2 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Dan Whitney of DE Foods said the company has operated the Wollaston KFC, which also includes a Taco Bell, for 13 years. The restaurant has seen an uptick in delivery orders, he said, and has had no issues on Fridays and Saturdays when it is currently open until 2 a.m.

"As the evening gets later, it becomes more delivery...and we're seeing the delivery part of our business grow greatly and we're hoping you consider the request to open later. We feel like we can do well," Whitney said.

"I know there were some concerns about other restaurants on Hancock, but we want to work with the board. If you give us the opportunity, if there becomes some sort of problem, we will certainly work with you on that. We're not trying to do something to cause any problems. Friday and Saturday, we've been doing this for quite some time and have not had any issues that I'm aware of."

In a letter to the board, Ward 5 Councillor Daniel Minton said he was opposed to KFC's request to extend its hours. He expressed concerns over traffic, saying "congestion at the entrance of KFC is common" and "the line coming out of the parking lot causes a major traffic hazard for the area" as well as noise and how it could affect the nearby residential area. In addition, Minton said there have been

issues at the McDonald's restaurant at 275 Hancock St. in North Quincy, which is open 24 hours.

"It should be noted that there have been problems with late hours at the McDonald's restaurant on Hancock Street, with incidents of disorderly conduct, unruly patrons and confrontations," Minton said. "I can see this as a potential problem once word gets out that KFC has similar hours, but a different food option."

Police Chief Mark Kennedy, one of the five members of the licensing board, said he was concerned that extended weeknight hours at KFC would lead to more calls for noise complaints.

"My bigger concern with this one as opposed to North Quincy, which has its own problems with people coming over the bridge just to get a late-night snack or something like that, is the close proximity to the elderly high rises there right behind you," Kennedy said. "I know the issues come up with the radios and the beeping horns. In more of a residential area where people might be working during the week, I anticipate the police getting more calls between those hours when people are trying to sleep and that's my only concern."

"I did get a letter from Councillor Minton and he was against it for a number of reasons," Kennedy added. "So, from my perspective and the police perspective, I'm going to side with the ward councillor on that one."

Fire Chief Joseph Jackson, another member of the licensing board, also expressed concerns about the extended hours.

"I agree with what the police chief said. He hit the nail on the head," Jackson

said. "I was a captain and lieutenant at that firehouse right next to McDonald's in North Quincy and most of our runs were between midnight and 2 in the morning for medicals over there. It's just pandemonium, so I don't really think it's a good fit for the city."

City Clerk Nicole Crispo, the board's chairperson, said she agreed with Minton's letter.

"The thing about Wollaston is it is a community down there of residential houses and the elderly high rises," she said. "I just think it will be a little bit of a problem if we allow that right now. I think that the sufficient hours of Friday and Saturday, which is probably when you do your most business, until 2 a.m. is respectable."

In response to board members' comments, Whitney said the KFC has not had the issues the other restaurant has had.

"I think if you look at our track record, we do not have the same complaints as there," he said. "We work with the housing authority behind us. We work with the 7-Eleven next to us."

Whitney asked if the board would allow the KFC to stay open until 1 a.m. on weeknights or consider other alternatives. Crispo said the board would look at allowing the KFC to stay open for delivery only after a certain time, but Whitney said there would still be vehicles visiting the restaurant because it uses third-party apps, like DoorDash and Uber, instead of having in-house drivers.

Whitney asked for and was granted a continuance so his company could review different alternatives. The date for the continued hearing was not specified.

Five Residents First-Year Students At College Of The Holy Cross

Five Quincy residents are enrolled as first-year students at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester.

They are: Jennifer

Ayles, Roisin Burke, Aluna Coogan-Coyne, Menwongba Dahn and Matthew Holatz.

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School Bus Transportation Issues Being Worked Out

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Covid.

"As you know there is a nationwide shortage of bus drivers, so it's not just Massachusetts, but across the country. The South Shore superintendents group that I'm a member with, this is one of the top concerns for all of the superintendents in the South Shore area as well as throughout the state," Mulvey said.

"Specifically regarding Quincy, we're working extremely hard to make sure that all of our students are transported to school, number one safely and also to the best of our ability as timely as possible. Just so you that know we are currently down in Quincy 22 drivers since the end of Covid, which is not great. That then requires us to look to other sources to assist in transporting our students safely and timely to school."

Because of the shortage of bus drivers, Mulvey said the district had to vend out seven large bus routes to First Student, a company that provides student transportation services throughout the state. The district vended out the large bus routes because it would have cost 50 percent more to vend out the minibuses, he said.

"Of course, the need to vend our large buses was communicated to all our schools and parents and of course we're in constant communication with our principals as well," he added.

There were some challenges getting students to and from school in a timely fashion at the start of the school year, Mulvey stated. Such hiccups are not uncommon in September, he added, and he was optimistic the situation would improve.

"As you know, the safety of our students has and always will be our top priority as we monitor the ongoing transportation process of getting our students, first of all, safely to school bus also timely to school. It's that timely piece since school began that we have been having difficulty with. Today, we saw some significant improvements and I'll talk about why we saw improvements in transportation today," Mulvey said.

"Certainly, the first day of school was challenging, as it always is because we have new students arriving, we have obviously the change in our bus routes with the seven bus routes being sent to First Student.

We have new parents in the district so obviously communication is always key.

"Historically we always have some bumps in the road the first week or two in regard to transportation and things settle down, so we're hopeful that will happen."

Mulvey outlined several measures the district has taken to improve the timeliness of the buses. Among other steps, Quincy Public Schools management staff have been assigned to bus-ness; all First Student drivers now have radios in addition to GPS devices; and school staff are now on site earlier so students don't have to wait to disembark when they get to school, letting buses get back on the road quicker.

The district has also taken steps to make sure students are getting off at their correct stop; if students do not get off at the correct stop, the bus driver either has to return to the stop or take the student back to school. The district has been able to remedy that through the staff onboard the buses and peer connections between students, Mulvey said.

The superintendent was also hopeful that the First Student drivers would become more efficient as they get used to their routes. He noted that if a driver is absent due to an illness or other reason, First Student has agreed to contact the district, no matter how early in the morning it is, so someone from QPS management can be assigned to that bus to help the new driver navigate the route.

"Of course, there are unavoidable issues related to traffic accidents and traffic slowdowns, but again we are working with First Student and their GPS technology, as well as the adults on the bus, to help reroute and get back on track and get around those accidents and slowdowns," Mulvey added.

The district has also communicated with parents to make sure they are consistently at bus stops on time for their student to be dropped off. Mulvey said there have been "significant delays" because parents were not at the bus stops and students had to be kept on the bus and brought back to school.

Committee member Courtney Perdios said she had gotten calls from parents about bus service and appreciated the update from the superintendent.

"I know I received a lot of phone calls in the first

couple days, a lot of parents that were just a little scared about where their kiddos were, so those delays definitely were impactful. That was a very good update, very sensitive, sounds like you guys have done a lot of work, so thank you," Perdios said. "It really does matter, especially for those younger kiddos. It's scary, not knowing where your kiddos are."

Perdios asked Mulvey if the bus drivers are assigned to the same route on a daily basis. Mulvey said they were.

Committee member Emily Lebo said she had heard from parents who were confused because the buses First Student provided had the name of other schools on them, like Xaverian Brothers for example. Mulvey said the buses First Student uses – seven plus one back-up – were being changed so they would say "First Student" on them along with an indication the buses were for Quincy students.

As part of his back-to-school update, Mulvey said the Quincy Public Schools had welcomed over 1,000 new students at the beginning of the school year across all grade levels, including prekindergarten and kindergarten. Preliminary enrollment in the district stood at 9,915 students, he said, "with student registrations continuing at school sites and central registration." The School Committee will receive a presentation on the Oct. 1 enrollment data during its meeting on Oct. 9.

Safety of students and staff is the district's top priority, the superintendent added.

"The security of our students and our staff is uppermost in our minds especially in light of recent events in other states," he said. "I just want to ensure the community and members of this committee that school staff were reminded of safety protocols during opening day staff meetings as this is a collaborative school community effort...as well as school assemblies including discussions with students on safety and when they should properly report to a trusted adult."

"These are part of our security protocols that we do every year during the beginning of the school year. Certainly, with the most recent events we highlighted that for you and the community, that we are working with the entire community to ensure the safety of our students and our staff."

55+ Zoning Eyed For ENC Campus

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He said he does not want any major development on site and would be willing to use eminent domain to block it.

"We're not going to allow any kind of detrimental use to go there in a beautiful Wollaston neighborhood of mostly single-family homes. I'm just not going to allow that to happen," Koch said. "If I have to at the end of the day work with the council to use the eminent domain tool, I will. So, we'll watch that closely."

The zoning overlay would allow for the development of housing for people ages 55 and up on the site of the college campus.

"That's an overlay district that would create a 55-and-over zoning so that, whether the city is involved or a private developer is involved, this is a clear message that this is the use that we want to see," Koch said.

"We believe that there is a real shortage of that type of housing in Quincy and there are a lot of folks that have spoken to me that are up there in age that have the big house and they want to stay in Quincy but there's really no options for them. This could be one of those programs where it helps free up the logjam for people

trying to buy homes because the seniors would have a place to go in their own backyard."

The ordinance states that a "senior housing development" within the overlay district "shall consist of independent housing units designed for persons who have attained the age of 55 or over within the meaning of Massachusetts and federal law, with the requirement that each housing unit shall be occupied by at least one person 55 years of age or older – with the exception that in no event shall a temporary or permanent occupancy for a period in excess of fourteen days by any person who has not attained the age of fifty five (55) years, whether related or not, be permitted." A senior housing development would not include a hospital or nursing home.

The spouse of a qualified resident would be exempt from the age restriction imposed by the ordinance. In addition, in the event of the death of the qualifying occupant(s) of a unit, or foreclosure or other involuntary transfer of a unit in a senior housing development, a two-year exemption shall be allowed for the transfer the occupancy of the unit to another eligible

household.

The ordinance would set the minimum lot area per dwelling unit at 500 square feet and the maximum number of stories at three. The ordinance would also require one off-street parking space for each bedroom within a dwelling unit where 80 percent or more of the gross floor area is residential. One space for every ten seats would be required in an assembly space and one space for every 2,000 square feet in an institutional use.

For mixed-use projects within the new overlay district, the applicant must "establish that the proposed uses are to be located with structure(s) in a manner that promotes ease of use and access, and consistency with the surrounding uses/architecture; e.g., retail uses should front onto a street, new housing shall be consistent with any adjacent existing residential use in terms of density, style of architecture, etc."

Any development within the overlay district would have to be pedestrian friendly because "the development of the Senior Housing Overlay District will be enhanced to the extent such development involves limited vehicular access."

Boston Freedom Trail Lantern Tours

Freedom Trail Foundation announces the return of the unique Lantern Tours, offering visitors and residents the opportunity to experience the sinister history and mystery of Boston's Freedom Trail by lantern light.

Lantern Tours began Sept. 12 at from the Boston Common Visitor Information Center, and will be offered Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays through Oct. 26, and Wednesday, Oct. 30 beginning at 6 p.m.

Duels, the grave of a ruthless pirate, punishments of convicted witches and more: all real and explored on the Freedom Trail Lantern Tours. Investigate the

ghoulish side of Boston's iconic red-lined-path and hear historic tales too dark and macabre for daytime. Join Freedom Trail Players®, darkly garbed with lanterns, and bring true accounts of appalling crimes, spies and assassins, to life on these 90-minute walking tours.

Lantern Tours illuminate the Granary and King's Chapel burying grounds as the final resting places of convicted pirates and others connected to Boston's less-illustrious past. Locations such as the Boston Massacre Site and the former site of the Old Gaol (Old Jail), adjacent to the Old State House and home to many of

old Boston's most infamous criminals, are also featured along the way on the Freedom Trail.

Led by 18th-century costumed guides, Freedom Trail Foundation walking tours are \$17 for adults, \$15 for seniors/students, and \$8 for children 12 and under. Purchase of a ticket includes a \$1 donation to the Freedom Trail Foundation's Preservation Fund, which helps support preservation projects at official Freedom Trail historic sites.

Tickets may be purchased at the Boston Common Visitor Information Center (9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.) or online at TheFreedomTrail.org.

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"Rock Solid Security"

On Wednesday, Sept. 4, at about 9:26 a.m., Officer M. O'Flaherty was dispatched to Import AutoWerks on Southern Artery to see a caller regarding a past larceny. The employee reported that the night before a trailer on the property was broken into and that an ATV was stolen from inside. Officer O'Flaherty filed a report and secured video footage of the incident.

Later in the afternoon, at about 2:20 p.m., Officer S. Cleary, assigned to the Community Services Units, observed a group loitering in the area between Stop & Shop and Dunkin Donuts. He noticed a male pushing a small black ATV.

Officer Cleary contacted Officer O'Flaherty who responded to the scene. The suspect was read Miranda and admitted to taking the ATV. The suspect claimed that he did not believe that the ATV was in working order and took it.

A Job Well Done

By OFFICER GREGG HARTNETT
Public Information Officer
Quincy Police Department

The suspect was placed under arrest and charged with (1) breaking & entering, (2) larceny under \$1,200 (ATV), (3) vandalizing property and (4) receiving stolen property. He was later arraigned at Quincy District Court.
Job Well Done!

Over the next week, we will be informing the public about several ongoing scams, which Quincy residents have fallen victim to. In all cases, offenders are very convincing,

aggressive and believable to the extent of having knowledge of your personal information.

"Crypto Extortion Scam"

Victims receive an email containing their full name, mobile number, current and previous addresses, even photos of these addresses.

The email often threatens that cellular and computer devices have been hacked using malware and that they have videos of the victim doing "embarrassing things" in their home as well as links the victim may have accessed. The suspect demands the victim transfer money in bitcoin or deposit in a Bitcoin ATM in order to avoid the leaking of embarrassing images, video or links they allege to have.

We urge anyone who has been contacted in this way to report it to our non-emergency line at (617) 479-1212 and NEVER to transfer money to anyone who is threatening you in any manner.

QUINCY POLICE CRIME AWARENESS JOURNAL

Entries submitted by the Quincy Police Department

FRIDAY, SEPT. 6

BREAKING AND ENTERING/MOTOR VEHICLE (just happened), 12:07 a.m., Stop and Shop Supermarket, 65 Newport Ave. One under arrest for breaking and entering to a motor vehicle and shoplifting. Report to be filed.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/PAST (construction), 9:21 a.m., 25 Buckley St. Copper pipes stolen. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (packages), 11:26 a.m., Avalon at Faxon Park building, 500 Falls Blvd. Report filed.

LARCENY (cash), 1:06 p.m., Walmart, 301 Falls Blvd. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (shoplifted meat), 6:38 p.m., Walmart, 301 Falls Blvd. Suspect identified, issued a trespass notice and advised. Sent on the way. Store to handle.

DISORDER (customer), 7:21 p.m., Copeland Pizza, 150 Copeland St. Caller states customer trying to fight people. Peace restored. Customer causing disturbance advised and sent on the way.

SHOPLIFT (female party), 8:55 p.m., CVS Pharmacy/24 Hour, 42 Beale St. Trespassed by store manager. Sent on the way and advised. Store to handle.

DISORDER (several males), 10:30 p.m., Pond Street and Southern Artery. Group fighting near clothing donation binds. Gone on arrival.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7

BREAKING AND ENTERING/PROGRESS (residence), 9:45 a.m., 40 block of Bigelow Street. One under arrest breaking and entering in the daytime. Report to be filed.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/MOTOR VEHICLE (past), 10:24 a.m., 115 Standish Ave. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (unwanted), 1:46 a.m., CVS Pharmacy, 626 Southern Artery. Group behind the store drinking. Advised and sent on the way.

DISORDER (past), 2:30 p.m., Lifetime Vision, 1219 Hancock St. No crime committed - wanted advice.

SHOPLIFT (female), 2:48 p.m., Target, 289 Hancock St. Inside store towards front. Female trespassed by store employee. Sent on the way and advised. Store to handle.

LARCENY (past/phone), 5:31 p.m., 790 Willard St. Case number provided. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (packages), 7:09 p.m., 999 Hancock St. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (possible), 7:59 p.m., Quincy Historical Society, 8 Adams St. On the lawn of the above address. Caller states that there are two people involved in a possible disturbance. Verbal argument only. Advised and sent on way.

SHOPLIFT, 9:18 p.m., Walmart, 301 Falls Blvd. One

under arrest for shoplifting and defacing property. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (just happened), 10:33 p.m., Elks Lodge, 254 Quarry St. No assaults or crimes committed. Peace restored. All involved advised and sent on the way.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 8

SHOPLIFT (female), 10:54 a.m., Target, 289 Hancock St. Suspect identified, issued a trespass notice by staff and sent on the way. Store to handle.

WORKING FIRE, 12:47 p.m., Clipper Apartments, 75 Palmer St. Working fire on the sixth floor. QFD to handle.

SHOPLIFT (just fled), 12:57 p.m., Walgreen Pharmacy, 418 Quincy Ave. No suspects at this time. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (male), 1:33 p.m., T-Mobile, 1205 Hancock St. One under arrest for larceny from a person (credit/debit cards). Report to be filed.

DISORDER (two females), 1:45 p.m., Home Depot, 465 Centre St. Possible car accident. No accident. Peace restored. No car accident.

SHOPLIFT (watching one), 2:57 p.m., Target, 289 Hancock St. Suspect gone on arrival. Case number given.

LARCENY/BIKE (yesterday), 7:03 p.m., Stop and Shop Supermarket, 65 Newport Ave. Case number provided. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (banging on door), 9:40 p.m., Faxon Commons, 1071 Southern Artery. Caller states her neighbor is banging on her walls and doors yelling. Peace restored. All involved advised.

MONDAY, SEPT. 9

LARCENY/BIKE (past), 5:37 a.m., Bersani Circle. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (over phone), 9:22 a.m., 308 Quarry St. Report and criminal complaint filed.

DISORDER (intoxicated male), 12:13 p.m., 1253 Hancock St. One under arrest for disorderly conduct. Report to be filed.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/PAST (cleaning products), 2:14 p.m., 195 Independence Ave. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (in progress), 6:19 p.m., Point Liquors, 230 Washington St. Verbal disagreement and all involved were sent on way. Advised.

DISORDER (youths), 6:58 p.m., Kendrigan Place, 10 Winter St. No disorder, group of kids playing. All parties advised.

DISORDER (intoxicated male), 8:18 p.m., Father Bill's Place, 39 Broad St. Caller states intoxicated male physically assaultive. One person in custody for disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and malicious destruction to a mo-

tor vehicle. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (past), 9:05 p.m., Stop and Shop Supermarket, 65 Newport Ave. Past shoplifting. Loss Prevention Officer provided suspect info. Report to be filed.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 10

BREAKING AND ENTERING/PAST (business), 10:33 a.m., 203 Quincy Ave. Breaking and entering occurred at construction site at this address. Report to be filed.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/MOTOR VEHICLE (past), 10:45 a.m., 60 block of Waterston Avenue. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (reported car crash), 10:52 a.m., 301 Falls Blvd. No car accident. Arguing over a civil matter. Peace restored.

LARCENY (package), 3:56 p.m., 745 Sea St. Packages stolen off steps. Case number provided.

VANDALISM/PROPERTY (smashed glass), 6:34 p.m., Point Liquors, 230 Washington St. Caller has video of someone smashing the front door to the store with a rock. Report to be filed.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/MOTOR VEHICLE (backpack), 9:22 p.m., Quincy District Court, 1 Dennis F. Ryan Parkway. One under arrest for breaking and entering to a motor vehicle and receiving stolen property over \$1,200. Report to be filed.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11

LARCENY (bag of belongings), 12:20 a.m., McDonald's, 275 Hancock St. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (tools), 2:28 p.m., Maxim Place. Caller reports tools stolen from his apartment where work was being done. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (customer), 4:17 p.m., Home Depot, 465 Centre St. Male customer refusing to leave getting aggressive with caller. Report to be filed.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 12

DISORDER (customer), 8 a.m., Dunkin Donuts, 364 Sea St. Male customer in the driveway refusing to leave causing a scene. Peace restored. Customer sent on the way.

DISORDER (in progress), 8:26 a.m., BJs, 200 Crown Colony Dr. Manager told to call 911. Disturbance was between BJ's staff and a vendor. Peace restored. All advised.

DISORDER (male party), 3:43 p.m., Howard Johnson, 845 Hancock St. One under arrest for trespassing and disorderly conduct. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (two males), 6:34 p.m., 160 Main St. Four males arguing in the area. Caller states the males left prior to arrival. Responding officers to check the area.

DISORDER (road rage), 6:56 p.m., Palmer Street. Happened in the rotary going into Germantown. Peace restored. All involved advised and sent on the way.

Protect Yourself from Identity Theft: Expert Warning On Recent QR Code Scams

QR codes have become a staple of modern convenience, allowing us to access information instantly. However, as their use has expanded, so too have the risks, particularly the danger of identity theft.

In 2023 alone, 26.95 million QR code scans were associated with fraudulent activities, many of which led to identity theft, according to Registra.

To help you safeguard your personal information, experts at QR Code Developer are sharing essential advice on protecting yourself from identity theft through QR code scams.

Cybercriminals increasingly use QR codes as a tool to steal sensitive information, often redirecting users to fake websites designed to capture personal data like social security numbers, banking information, and login credentials.

The Growing Threat of Identity Theft Via QR Codes

Recent incidents have highlighted the surge in identity theft cases linked to malicious QR codes. Fraudsters are em-

bedding these codes in public places, on flyers, and even in online ads, luring users to sites that harvest their personal information. The stolen data can then be used to commit identity theft, resulting in significant financial and personal consequences for the victims.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has issued warnings about this growing threat. Scammers use these codes to direct victims to fake websites that steal sensitive information. The FTC advises users to be cautious, inspect URLs after scanning QR codes, avoid unsolicited codes, and secure their online accounts with strong passwords and multi-factor authentication.

During high-traffic times like the summer holidays or major events, there has been an increase in reports of fake QR codes being used at venues such as restaurants, shops, and tourist attractions. These codes often direct users to phishing sites that closely mimic legitimate ones, where

they unknowingly enter sensitive information.

Expert Reveals Top Tips to Protect Yourself from Identity Theft Use Secure QR Code Scanner Apps

Leverage security apps designed to scan QR codes and alert you to potential threats. These apps can identify whether a QR code is directing you to a suspicious site or attempting to initiate a harmful download. Regular updates to these apps are necessary to keep them effective against the latest threats.

Verify the Source

Always ensure that the QR code you're about to scan is from a trusted source. Avoid codes from unsolicited messages, whether via email, text, or social media, as these are common methods used by identity thieves. If a business or organization presents a QR code, check for authenticity by

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Eight Displaced After 3-Alarm Fire Torches Wollaston Home

By SCOTT JACKSON

A three-alarm fire tore through a Victorian home in Wollaston, displacing a family of eight.

Quincy firefighters were called to the home at 301 Belmont St., located near the corner of Beale St., around 2:30 p.m. on the afternoon of Sept. 12. Flames and heavy smoke could be seen coming out of the single-family home.

Quincy firefighters were on scene for about three hours that afternoon, Fire Chief Joseph Jackson said Monday. He credited the firefighters for the effort they made battling the blaze.

"The guys did a really fantastic job," Jackson said. "There were multiple ceilings in the house...the guys did a really good job of opening everything up."

The family of eight living inside the house, and their dog, all made it out safely, Jackson said, and one firefighter possibly twisted his ankle. The house itself is likely a total loss.

"I would imagine it is a total loss," the chief said.

Fire companies from neighboring communities provided coverage at the city's firehouses while Quincy firefighters were scene on Belmont Street.

"We had extra manpower on scene thanks to the mayor," Jackson said. "It was a big help."

The cause of the fire, according to an investigation conducted by the Quincy Fire Department and the state Fire Marshal's Office, was undetermined, Jackson said. The fire started accidentally, he said.

The single-family home at 301 Belmont St. was constructed in 1880 and had an assessed value of \$817,000, according to the city's online property records. The home had five bedrooms and 3,700 square feet of living space.

Chinese Restaurant To Open In North Quincy

By SCOTT JACKSON

A new Chinese fusion restaurant is set to open in North Quincy this fall inside the former home of an auto repair shop.

The Board of License Commissioners on Sept. 10 granted an all-alcohol liquor license to Lucky Hancock Inc. d/b/a Bayao Café for the premises at 429 Hancock St. That license was one of 14 requests the board approved that afternoon.

The building at 429 Hancock St. was formerly home to T-T Repair. A two-alarm fire in August 2018 caused significant damage inside the auto repair shop.

Attorney Joseph Wang said the new restaurant is presently under construction and could open in October or November. The premises include 1,800 square feet of space, including a dining area, kitchen and restrooms. The building also has a basement level for storage and cooler space.

The new restaurant's licensed hours are 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. seven days a week. Wang said his client was seeking the maximum hours allowed to give themselves flexibility after the eatery opens.

In other business on Sept. 10, the Board of License Commissioners:

Granted the request of Ward 4 Councillor James Devine in coordination with the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office for a special-use permit and one-day beer and wine license for a safety- and health-focused event that will take place at O'Rourke Field on Sunday, Sept. 22, from 1 to 4 p.m. The event will include a bouncy house, touch-a-truck, eye exams and other family-friendly activities.

Granted the request of the Montclair Wollaston Association for a special-use

permit and one-day beer and wine license for its annual Pumpkin Spice Festival at Bishop Field on Sunday, Oct. 27, from noon to 4 p.m. The event will include a number of family-friendly activities, including a touch-a-truck.

Granted the request of The Woodward School for Girls, 1098 Hancock St., for a one-day liquor license for its annual Women of Distinction event on Saturday, Oct. 5, starting at 6:30 p.m. All proceeds will support financial aid for deserving families, said Alex Magay, the head of school.

Granted the request of The Fowler House Café, 1043 Hancock St., for a temporary extension of premises to its rear parking lot for an Octoberfest event with live music on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 5 to 9 p.m. The abutting road will remain open during the event.

Granted the request of QUBIC Labs, 1495 Hancock St., for special-use permits and one-day liquor licenses for the annual Blockchain Week at Kilroy Square. The event ran from Sept. 10-13.

Granted the request of Larb Zaab for a common victualer license for the premises at 663 Hancock St. following a change in ownership. The restaurant will offer Thai food. Its hours are 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

Granted the request of Eomma for a common victualer license for the premises at 219 Quincy Ave within Kam Man Market. The eatery will offer Korean food within the market's food court. Its hours are 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Bible Study At K Of C Hall

The public is welcome to attend a Bible Study that is held every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 5 Hollis Ave., North Quincy.

Fall Fest Sunday At O'Rourke Field In West Quincy

Norfolk County Sheriff Patrick W. McDermott and Ward 4 City Councillor James Devine will host a Fall Fest at O'Rourke Field in Quincy on Sunday, Sept. 22 from 1 to 4 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public.

The Fall Fest will feature fun family activities including K9 and drone demos, games and prizes, raffles, bounce houses, a Touch-A-Truck area with vehicles in-

cluding the Norfolk County Sheriff Mobile Command Center, and City of Quincy Fire Department and DPW vehicles, along with free hamburgers and hot dogs from the Sheriff's "Tactical Picnic Unit."

The event will be held at O'Rourke Field, 549 Quarry St., West Quincy, in partnership with the City of Quincy, Quincy Fire, Quincy Police and the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office H.O.P.E.

Center.

Those attending the Fall Fest can also learn about resources available throughout Norfolk County and visit with local vendors, including Quincy Community Action Programs, the Lions Club, Manet Community Health, MBTA Mobility Center, Girl Scouts, Quincycles, Thomas Crane Public Library, and the United Way.

'Fallscaping' Topic Thursday Wollaston Garden Club Meeting

The Wollaston Garden Club will launch the 2024-2025 meeting series on Thursday, Sept. 19th at 6:45 p.m. Meetings are held at the Wollaston Congregational Church Social Hall located at 48 Winthrop Ave. in Wollaston.

Community members are welcome to attend.

The club is pleased to welcome Jana Milbocker as September's featured speaker.

Jana is the principal of Enchanted Gardens and a landscape designer, author and lecturer. Her topic will be "Fallscaping—Adding Beauty to your Autumn Garden with Flowers, Shrubs, Trees and Vines. She will share strategies for designing fall gardens with vibrant color and rich foliage.

Ms. Milbocker is the author of several books including "The Garden Tourist's

New England" (2020), and "The Garden Tourist: 120 Destination Gardens and Nurseries in the Northeast" (2018).

Wollaston Garden Club is a member of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts. The National Garden Clubs, Inc., and is a 501c3 non-profit organization, dedicated to promoting the love of gardening and the conservation and beautification of the community.

AAA: MA Gas Prices Down Six Cents

The question isn't if the average price for a gallon of regular gasoline in the Northeast falls below \$3 — it's when.

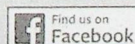
As oil prices flirt with three-year lows, Northeast pump prices continue to drop sharply as inventories grow and demand shrinks to post-summer levels. Regional supplies of gasoline swelled by 2.8 million barrels last week, according to the Energy Information Administration, and now stand more than 3 million barrels above the five-year average for this time of year. The agency also estimated gasoline demand fell by 460,000 barrels to 8.47 million barrels a day — a drop of about 5% week over week. With many economists expecting global oil and gas demand to remain weak through the end of the year, prices are primed to keep falling if current trends continue.

The average gas price in Massachusetts is down six cents over last week (\$3.26), averaging \$3.20 per gallon. Monday's price is 21 cents lower than a month ago (\$3.41) and 57 cents lower than this day last year (\$3.77). Massachusetts's average gas price is the same as the national average.

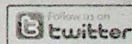
"Domestic refiners are producing more gasoline than the market can swallow and that means pump prices could soon reach lows not seen in years," said Mark Schieldrop, Senior Spokesperson, AAA Northeast. "Aside from a major hurricane threatening the Gulf Coast, or an escalation in geopolitical tensions, the market is poised to keep pointing down."

AAA Northeast's Sept. 16 survey of fuel prices found the current national average down seven cents from last week (\$3.27), averaging \$3.20 a gallon. Monday's national average price is 23 cents lower than a month ago (\$3.43) and 67 cents lower than this day last year (\$3.87).

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Wednesday, September 25
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Wednesday, September 25
6:00pm: Norfolk County Mosquito Control

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Sisters Join Volunteers To Support Non-Profits That Focus On Importance Of Sleep

Quincy Point Congregational Church's Mission Committee and friends chaired by Karen (McGhee) DeCristofaro, and volunteer employees of the Boston Children's Hospital's Pediatric Sleep Center led by Kristen (McGhee) Kardoose are joining forces to raise funds for two non-profit programs that focus on the importance of sleep.

"Whether a child is big or small – the goal is a safe place to sleep for all," is the shared motto for their bowling fundraiser on Sunday, Oct. 6 at Olindy's Bowling Lanes at 170 Quincy Ave. in Quincy.

The programs the fun-



BUILD A BED CREW at Quincy Point Congregational Church in January of 2020. Volunteers and organizers found so meaningful, that the initiative was repeated in 2024.

draiser will benefit are "A Bed for Every Child, Build a Bed program" and the Boston Children's Hospital Safe Sleep at Home- Crib

Bundle program.

Quincy Point Congregational Church has hosted a couple of "Bed for Every Child" events, a subsidiary

of the MA Collation for the Homeless. These "Build a Bed and Snuggle Drive" sessions consist of a group of volunteer builders, who assemble twin beds that are then given to waitlisted children in need. The recipients are referred by school nurses, counselors, pediatricians or case workers. Each bed costs \$350 to build, so donors are just as important as builders. The Snuggle Drive portion of the charity campaign is providing the bedding ensembles to complete the beds like: twin comforters, sheets, and pillows.

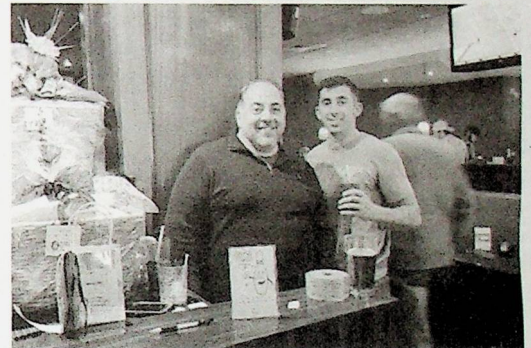
The Oct. 6 bowling and billiards fundraiser also supports Boston Children's Hospital's "Safe Sleep at Home" program initiative, which educates families on infant safe sleep practices per The American Academy of Pediatrics recommendations. The initiative helps give essential sleep resources to resource-constrained families by gifting a crib bundle for those in need.

Each \$100 bundle has a portable crib, fitted sheet, and wearable blanket. The program also supports community awareness of safe sleep practices via outreach events that empower families with knowledge and support. The BCH crew held their first bowling fundraiser last year. It was so successful and fun for all ages that the planning committee agreed that a venue with bowling and billiards would be the choice again this year.

This year's joint fundraising event takes place on Sunday, Oct. 6 from 12



FAMILY AND FRIENDS relax after a string of bowling last year's fundraiser. From left to right: Andrea Cedrone, David Cedrone, Jenna Kardoose and Drew Wadman.



NICK AND NICK Kardoose checking out some of the gift baskets at the 2023 Boston Children's Hospitals "Safe Sleep at Home" Bowling Fundraiser in Dedham.

Pre-pay or donate at: <https://checkout.square.site/merchant/MLPYC435AG63C/checkout/UGGI6CJTUE27IUNMSAWN5YJU?src=webqr>.

noon until 4 p.m. at Olindy's Bowling Lanes, 170 Quincy Ave., Quincy. Come when you can, leave when you must! The cost is \$30 per person which includes a light lunch, bowling, and billiards.

Kids admission is free, so bring the family out for some fun for a good cause.

There will be numerous chances to win gift baskets too like: A Halloween themed scratch Ticket prize, a Stonewall Kitchen basket, Pickleball accessories, and

much, much more.

Checks can be made payable to Quincy Point Congregational Church with the memo: Build a Bed/Safe Sleep and sent to 444 Washington St., Quincy, MA 02169. All monies raised will be split between the two programs.

Karen and Kristen invite everyone to join them for some bowling and billiard family fun that will help support the healthy sleep and development of our next generation of citizens.



BROTHERS Brendan and Shawn Pitts pose beside their completed bed in 2024. Twelve beds and bedding ensembles were donated and assembled at Quincy Point Congregational Church for the Ma Coalition for the Homeless-A Bed for Every Child, Build a Bed event in May.

Let's Bowl!

Bowling, Billiards and Boatloads of fun!

Quincy Point Congregational Church
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are combining efforts to raise funds for two important sleep-focused programs

A Bed for Every Child (QPCC)
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CONFIRMATION CLASS gets ready to Build a Bed in May of 2024 at Quincy Point Congregational Church. From left to right: Emily Infantino, teacher Angelina Decristofaro and Benjamin Cusack.

Courtesy Photos

Fall Planting Provides Months of Continuous Spring Color

By MELINDA MYERS

Welcome spring and create continuous color for several months with a collection of spring-flowering bulbs. After planting in the fall, you'll enjoy an array of flower colors that combine nicely with other spring-flowering trees, shrubs, and flowers.

Start the season with early blooming snowdrops. As winter fades watch for the dangling white flowers on six- to ten-inch-tall plants. Include these small flowers in rock gardens, mixed borders, and informal landscapes in sunny and part-shade locations.

Include a tapestry of colors with white, purple, lavender, and yellow crocus. Large Flowering Pickwick crocus offers unique blooms of white flowers with purple pinstripes. Its striped petals surround the red-orange stamens making this a standout

in any planting. Crocus are a favorite of critters as well as gardeners so consider protecting them with a repellent as the leaves emerge in spring.

Look to early, mid, and late spring blooming tulips and daffodil varieties to maximize the color in your landscape throughout the spring. Check catalog descriptions and package labels to help you select an array of bloom times. Longfield Gardens' Bloom Times Guide to Spring and Summer Bulbs (Longfield-Gardens.com) can also help you plan for three months of color in your landscape.

Look to Emperor, Kaufmanniana, and Greigii tulips for a bit of early spring color. Add some fragrance and showy, peony-like flowers with Double Early Foxtrot. This award-winning tulip has sturdy, weatherproof stems that

support its loosely cupped flowers. Its petals contain a range of pink shades from white to deep rose.

Plant some Darwin Hybrid and Triumph tulips for mid-spring color in the garden. The two-toned flowers on Apricot Impression seem to glow and as a Darwin hybrid, they will have a long-lasting presence in your garden. Finish the spring season with fancy ruffled parrot tulips, fringed and lily tulips, and more single and double late bloomers. You'll enjoy the extended show and late spring flowers to enjoy in arrangements.

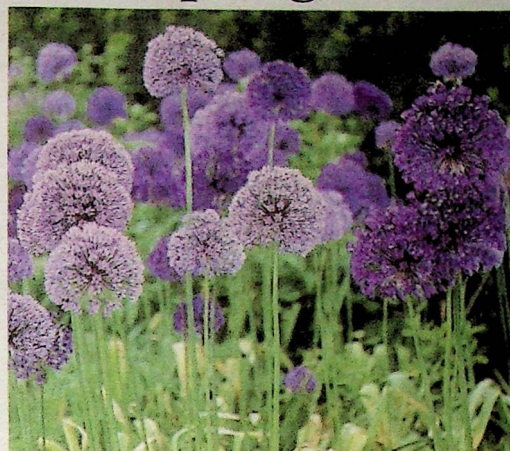
Don't overlook daffodils. You'll find a variety of flowers with long, short, large, and split trumpets. Daffodil flowers may be one color, or the trumpet may be a different color than the color of the surrounding petals. Double varieties add a unique look to any garden. The

early- to mid-spring blooming Cyclamineus Tete-a-Tete daffodil may be small in stature at seven inches but the bright yellow flowers and three blossoms per stem make it visible from a distance.

Combine some Armenian grape hyacinths with mid-spring blooming tulips, daffodils, and perennials. Their small, cobalt-blue, fragrant flowers last weeks and look good wherever they are planted.

Bridge spring and summer flower seasons in your garden with Purple Sensation allium. This late spring blooming bulb has four-inch round purple flowers high atop 24 to 30" stems. These reliable bloomers are critter-resistant like daffodils and grape hyacinths. Enjoy them in your garden, fresh bouquets, and dried flower arrangements.

Make this the year you



THE LATE SPRING blooming bulb Purple Sensation allium has four-inch round purple flowers and is critter-resistant.

Photo courtesy of Longfield-Gardens.com

select and do some fall planting of various early, mid, and late spring flowering bulbs. You'll be rewarded with a burst of early spring color and sustained beauty from a mix of spring flowering bulbs.

Melinda Myers is a col-

umnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Longfield Gardens for her expertise to write this article. Her website is www.MelindaMyers.com.

November Dedication For New Veterans Monument At Cemetery

By SCOTT JACKSON

This November the city will dedicate a new monument honoring the men and women who have served in the military in recent decades.

The new monument will be located inside Mount Wollaston Cemetery. It will be dedicated at 10 a.m. on

Saturday, Nov. 9.

As part of the ceremony, the city plans to honor veterans who served in the Gulf War, the War in Afghanistan, the War in Iraq, and the Global War on Terror. Veterans who served in those conflicts are asked to contact Denise Gleason by emailing dgleason@quincyma.gov or

calling 617-376-1192.

In a recent interview, Mayor Thomas Koch said it was time for Quincy to honor its veterans who have served in recent conflicts.

"Anyone from Quincy or who now lives in Quincy that served Desert Storm, Persian Gulf, Iraq, Afghanistan or the Global War on

Terror, which is kind of all-encompassing, we're asking them to reach out to the veterans' office for them to be part of an event in November that we're planning which will include a new monument in Mount Wollaston that will have seven

Quincy names inscribed on it that died in service to our country during that time period," Koch said.

"We'll be asking all the veterans to participate with us that day so we can honor them and thank them for their service. It's really their

time, recognition time for them."

Details of the ceremony are still being ironed out, Koch said, but the day's events will likely kick-off with a parade from the Coddington Building to the

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PERSIAN GULF ★ IRAQ
AFGHANISTAN ★ GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR
MONUMENT

Mount Wollaston Cemetery
Quincy, Massachusetts

CALLING ALL VETERANS!

Mayor Thomas P. Koch would like
to honor all veterans of the

PERSIAN GULF, IRAQ, AFGHANISTAN
AND GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR

to be a part of an monument dedication ceremony
on Saturday, November 9, 2024 at
Mount Wollaston Cemetery at 10:00 a.m.

If you are a veteran who served during one of these wars and you grew up in Quincy or live here now, please contact Denise Gleason at dgleason@quincyma.gov or call 617-376-1192 to supply your name, address, rank, branch of service and years of service. Your service will be acknowledged in the event program.

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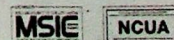
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SQUIRT CHAMPIONS: Labreque (left to right) - Recreation Leader Caitlin Ainsley, Cameron Peters, Steven Miller, Joe Sommers, Declan O'Hare, Ryan O'Hare and Recreation Leader Caroline Tracey.



JUNIOR CHAMPIONS: Perkins (left to right) - Leader Mikey Galligan, Teddy Bryan, Nora Bryan, Ferris Coady and Davyn Hockney. Photos Courtesy Quincy Recreation Department

Rec Department Holds Annual Wiffle Ball Tournament

The Quincy Recreation Department recently held its annual Wiffle Ball Tournament at the Montclair Tennis Courts. The Wiffle Ball Tournament is a very popular event and was well attended, with approximately 50 youngsters from the city's 14 playgrounds participating. The tournament is a co-ed competition, with teams separated into three age groups, Squirts (8-10), Juniors (11-12), and Seniors (13-16). The event was run by sports specialists John Grasselli, Mikey Colantonio and Stephen Gallant.

In the Squirt Division, teams from Labreque and Welcome Young Playgrounds overcame stiff competition to meet in the championship. Both teams

played hard in a game that turned into a one-sided affair with Labreque pulling away in the middle innings. Joe Sommers led the way pitching for Labreque, while Declan O'Hare carried the team offensively. For Welcome Young, Achraf Falsafi and Ayan Yadav both put together stellar pitching and batting performances, but Labreque proved to be too strong.

The Junior Division featured a deep and competitive field, with the teams from Perkins and Beechwood meeting in the final. The exhilarating championship game went to extra innings, with Perkins' team pitching performance being the difference. Teddy Bryan was a notable performer,

leading the Junior Division in both home runs and innings pitched. For Beechwood, all three players contributed on the mound, serving as a 1-2-3 punch, reminding older leaders of the Atlanta Braves' pitching staff from the 1990s. Both teams deserved the championship, but unfortunately there could only be one winner.

In the Senior Division, the championship featured an extremely talented Perkins team against an underdog team from Beechwood that battled through the losers bracket to reach the final. Perkins was led by the pitching duo of James Bryan and Logan Mann. For Beechwood, Jacob Campbell pitched the entire tour-



SENIOR CHAMPIONS: Perkins (from left to right) - Recreation Leader TJ Manton, Ryan Clougher, James Bryan, Logan Mann, Jack Grazioso and Leader Mikey Galligan.

namment, including the final two games against Perkins, of which Beechwood had to win both. Fortunately for

Perkins, Bryan dominated both games from the hill, while Jack Grazioso stepped

up and hit multiple home runs in both games, leading Perkins to the title.

November Dedication For New Veterans Monument At Cemetery

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cemetery. "We're still planning it out. We're probably going to march down from Coddington, probably start at the Coddington Building. Only those veterans that served will be in the parade.

We'll have our Quincy-North Quincy band probably lead it, probably some honor guards, military honor guards, police and fire," Koch said.

"We'll march into the cemetery. We'll then have a program, the unveiling and

dedication of the monument honoring the Gold Star families, but also honoring all those veterans that served."

Gen. Joseph Dunford, retired chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Gen. James McConville, retired chief of staff of the Army, both of whom hail from Quincy, are expected to participate in that morning's ceremony, the mayor said.

"We already have General Dunford and General McConville," Koch said. "They've both committed to being here. They both would have been leaders during that period in the time. We're inviting other military folks, but they are definitely going to be with us."

In addition to the ceremony itself, which will be

open to the public, Koch said a private dinner is planned for the evening before to honor the veterans of recent conflicts.

"We're looking to do a dinner the night before at the Elks, again to honor the veterans," he said. "Part of the reason to get all the names is so we can send an invitation out to all these people, a formal invitation with all the

details on the Friday night and the Saturday events."

The new monument was part of a \$3 million project to enhance Mount Wollaston Cemetery, which also included the installation of a new archway at the Sea Street entrance to the burial ground and other improvements to the veterans' section, such as new flag poles honoring each branch of the armed forces.

This past spring, Koch said the new monument would be made out of granite, with a bronze inset depicting a soldier and marine holding a flag. The monument will include two quotes, one from Dunford and the other from Ronald Reagan. The names of the seven service members will be on the obverse of the monument.

While the city plans to dedicate the new monument Nov. 9, the annual Veterans Day parade and observance will take place two days later on Monday, Nov. 11 as usual. The observance will take place at Merrymount Park, where it has been held in recent years, and will be preceded by a parade that steps off from Quincy High School.



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Services At B'Nai Shalom Of Braintree

The Jewish new year 5785 is observed this year with services held at temple B'Nai Shalom of Braintree, 41 Storrs Ave.

Rosh Hashanah Services begin Wednesday evening,

Oct. 2nd, and continue through Oct. 3rd and Oct. 4th.

Yom Kippur Services will begin the evening of Oct. 11th with Kol Nidre Services all day on Saturday, Oct. 12th.

Life Line Health Screenings Oct. 16

Residents living in and around the Quincy can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening.

Quincy Sons of Italy Hall, 120 Quarry St., Quincy will host this community event on Wednesday, Oct. 16.

Screenings can check

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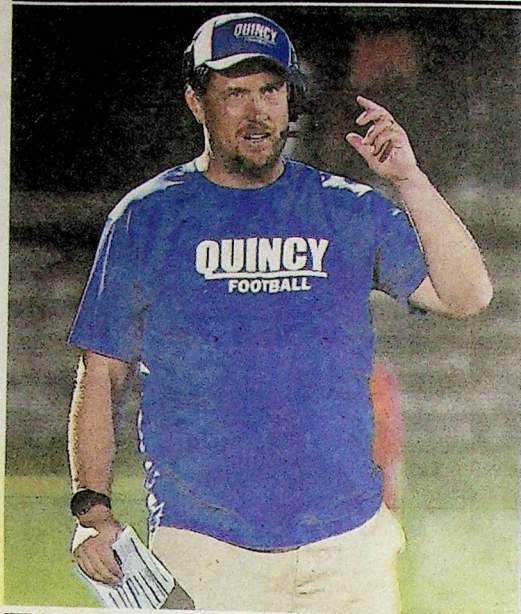
- The level of plaque buildup in arteries, related to risk for cardiovascular disease, stroke and overall vascular health.
- Narrowing of the smaller arteries of ankles and feet, called Peripheral Arterial Disease
- HDL and LDL Cholesterol levels
- Bone density as a risk

for possible osteoporosis

Free parking is also available.

Package pricing starts at \$159, but consultants will work with you to create a package that is right for you based on your age and risk factors.

Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is required.



FIRST-YEAR Quincy head football coach Ed DeWitt was a winner in his debut leading the Presidents to a 53-6 win over Archbishop Williams Sept. 13 at Veterans' Memorial Stadium.



QUINCY SENIOR running back Alex Martinez picks up some yardage on the ground for the Presidents against Archbishop Williams.



QUINCY FOOTBALL CAPTAINS (left to right) senior Will Codner, sophomore Jonas Ala, senior Oliver Levine and senior Nate Goff walk to mid-field for the coin toss before the Presidents' season opener against Archbishop Williams High School.



QUINCY PRESIDENTS (from left to right) Dimario Blaise, Nate Goff, John Jordan, Diego Tavares Goncalves and Leo Steinberg pause on the sideline during the national anthem before kick off against Archbishop Williams High School Sept. 13 at Veterans' Memorial Stadium. The Presidents defeated the Bishops 53-6 in their season opener.

Quincy Sun Photos/Robert Bosworth

Presidents Win In A Landslide Against AWHHS, 53-6

By TOM JOYCE

When you consistently gain serious yardage running the ball up the middle, victory is almost guaranteed.

The Quincy High football team did just that in its blowout win over Archbishop Williams at Veterans' Memorial Stadium last Friday night. Its offensive line dominated as running backs evaded tackles. The defense also did its job, outperforming the opposing offensive line as the Presidents had a dominant 53-6 win to start the season at 1-0. It was the team's first win under new head coach Ed DeWitt.

Among the key cogs in the Presidents' ground attack were junior running Leo Steinberg and sophomore running back Jonas Ala who each scored three touchdowns.

Archbishop Williams made it past midfield on its first drive, but the Presidents stopped them around the 40-yard line on fourth-and-three. Linebacker Alex Martinez, linebacker Leo Stein-

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SAVVY SOCIAL SECURITY PLANNING SEMINAR

September 26, 6:00pm-7:30pm
490 Turnpike Street, Canton

Nearing retirement? Learn how to make the most of your Social Security options. We'll discuss the pros & cons of filing at age 62, projected income calculations, spousal and survivor benefits, and more.

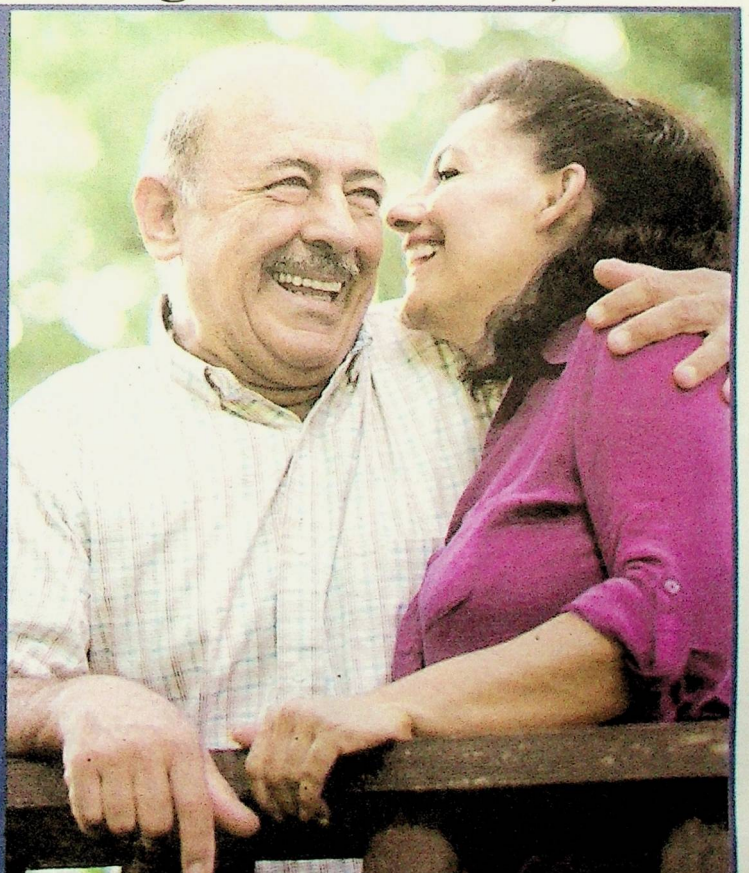
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Raiders Defeat Presidents In Girls' Volleyball, 4-1



NORTH QUINCY sophomore Maeve Powers delivers a kill shot in the Raiders' 4-1 win over the Quincy Presidents Monday at QHS. NQ improved to 2-3 with the win, Quincy dropped to 4-1.



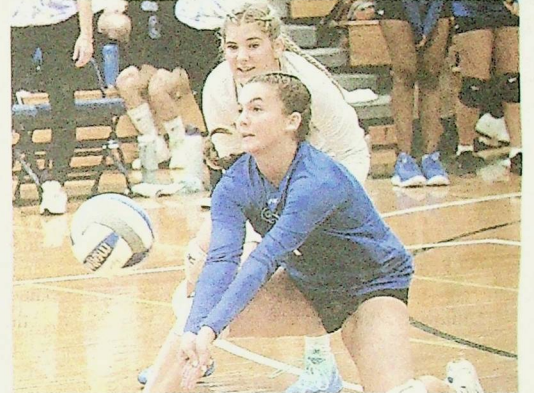
QUINCY SENIOR Destiny Francis eyes a scoring chance for the Presidents against the North Quincy Raiders Monday. Story on Page 21. Quincy Sun Photos/Robert Bosworth



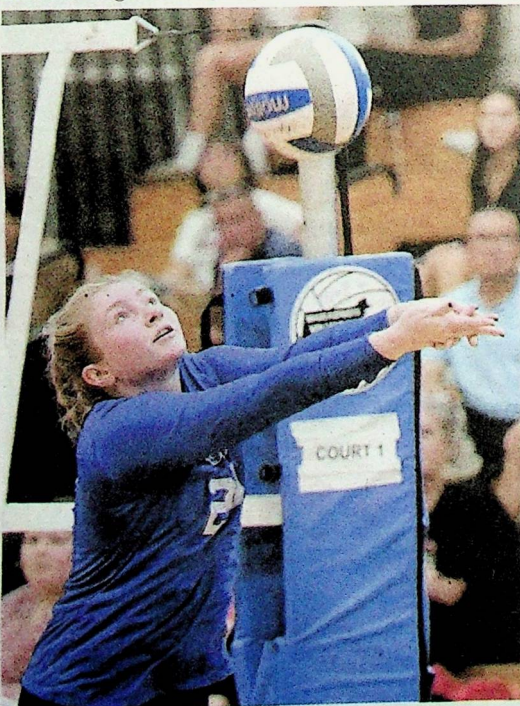
NORTH QUINCY senior Sadie Johnston returns a volley for the Raiders against the Quincy Presidents.



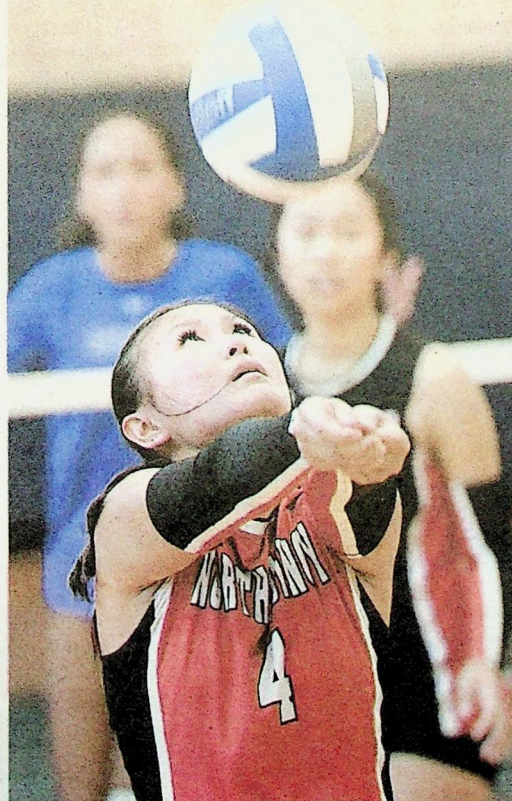
BATTLING AT THE net are Quincy senior Destiny Francis and North Quincy sophomore Cindy Zhang.



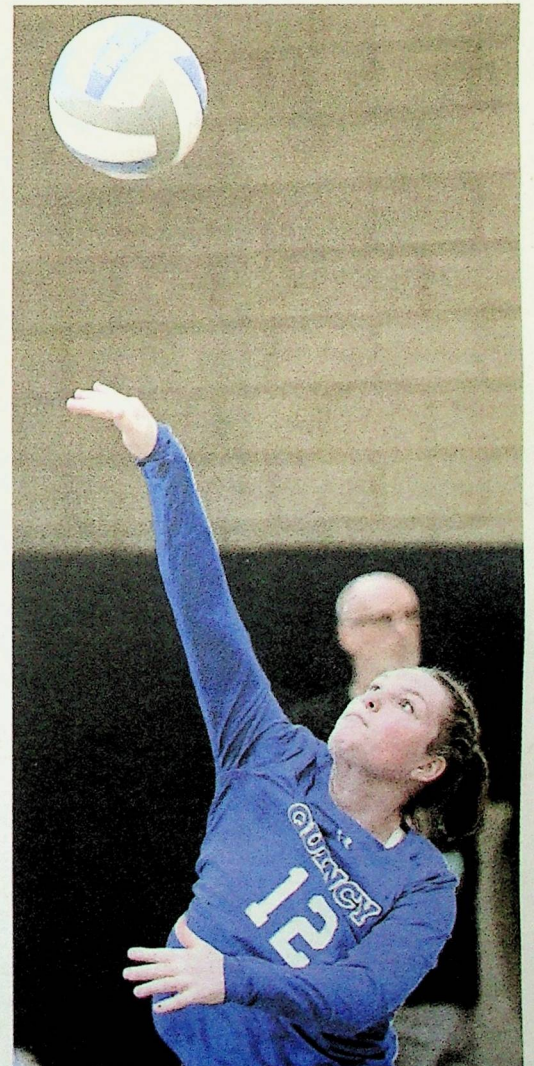
QUINCY SOPHOMORE Francesca Diaz sets up a scoring chance for the Presidents against North Quincy.



QUINCY SOPHOMORE Evalyn Catrambone returns a volley for the Presidents against the North Quincy Raiders.



NORTH QUINCY senior Melani Wijaya focuses on a return shot for the Raiders against Quincy.



QUINCY SENIOR Ella Roche serves for the Presidents.

North Quincy Hands Quincy First Loss In Volleyball

By TOM JOYCE

The sets were close, but the Quincy High girls' volleyball team received its first loss of the season.

The Presidents hosted their in-city rival, the North Quincy Raiders, on Monday night. All four sets were competitive, but the Raiders got the better of their opponent. The Raiders won the match 3-1 and improved to 2-3 on the season. With the loss, the Presidents fell to 4-1.

The first set was highly competitive, but the Raiders ultimately took it 25-22.

The Raiders excelled early in the set, going on a 7-1 run.

Strong serving from Sadie Johnston helped the Raiders early, as she helped the team take an early 4-0 lead. Additionally, Bella McKenzie and Cindy Zhang had a block up front later in the run to keep the momentum going.

However, the Presidents fought back, going on a 10-2 run to take an 11-9 lead. The Presidents got contributions from many players doing their dominant run. Francesca Diaz had the kill to make it 9-8, while a hit from Kyrie Blue that induced a Raiders hitting error tied the set. Plus, Evalyn Catrambone, who had a couple of kills in the run, had the one that put the team up 11-9.

Ultimately, the Raiders came back. They tied the set at 18 apiece thanks to back-to-back aces from Johnston and led by as many as three points late in the set.

McKenzie had a hit that caused a Presidents hitting error, giving the Raiders a two-point lead. She then had a kill that put the team up by three points, 24-21. Destiny Francis responded for the Presidents, getting a kill on a ball she tapped over the net, but the Presidents couldn't make a comeback. A penalty against the Presidents on the next point meant the Raiders took set one 25-22.

The Presidents avenged that first set with a second-set victory.

Leading 18-16 late in the set, the team pulled away. The Presidents had a 5-0 run to put the set out of reach. Francis tapped the ball over the net for the first point and had an ace while serving for

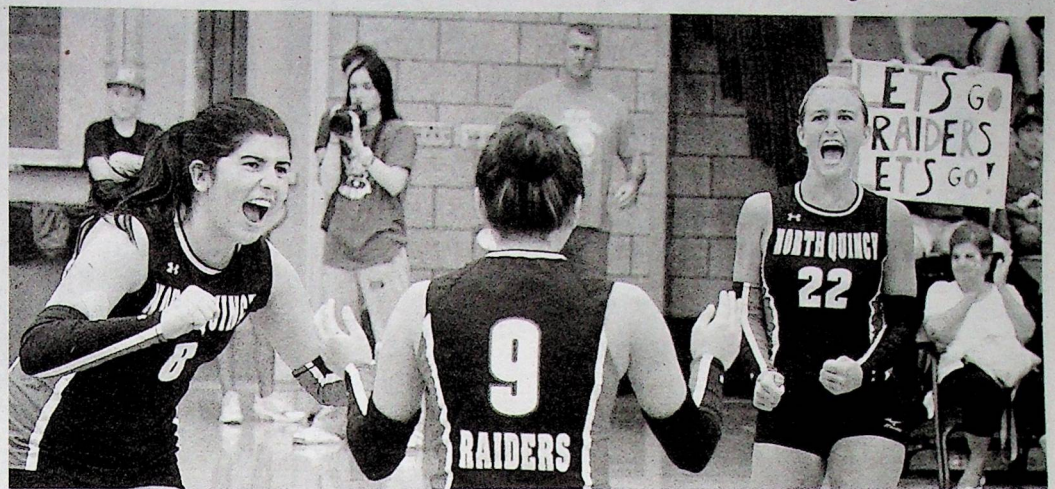
the second point. An error against the Raiders put the Presidents up by five, 21-16. Then, back-to-back kills from Francesca Diaz gave the Presidents a seven-point edge. The Presidents ultimately won the set 25-18 on an ace from Catrambone.

Both sides played well in the third set, but, eventually, the Raiders pulled away. Back-to-back aces from McKenzie took the set from a 21-21 tie to 23-21 in the Raiders' favor. A spike from Amelia Mattie then put the Raiders up by three. Following a serving error, the Raiders closed the set with a block from Johnston and Mattie, winning it 25-22.

The Raiders also won the fourth and final set of the game, yet doing so required a comeback. A 3-0 run for the Presidents late in the third set -- featuring an ace from Ella Roche and a kill and a block from Misty Ly -- put the Presidents up 23-21. The Raiders responded with a 3-0 run of their own where Johnston had a kill, and a block and a kill from Maevie Powers gave the team a 24-23 advantage.

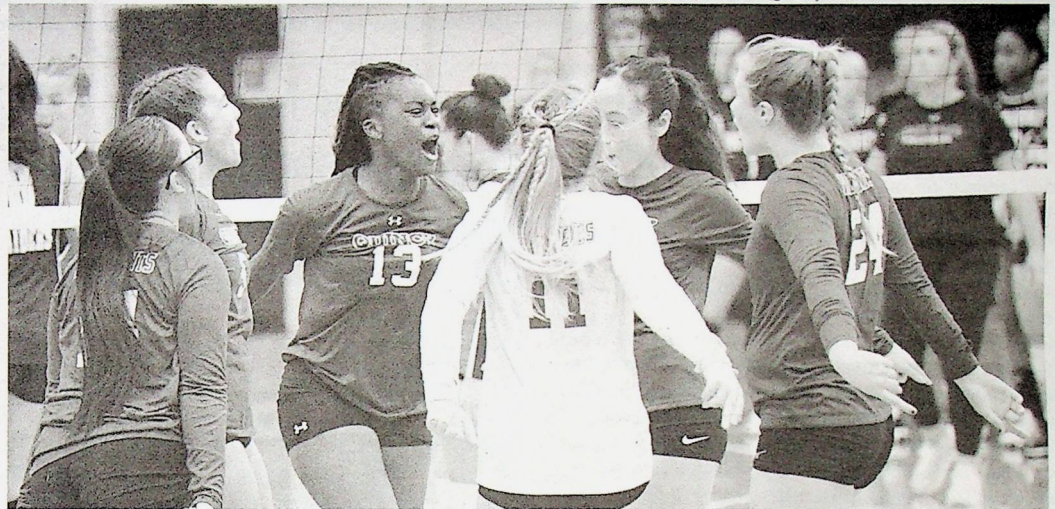
Catrambone had the kill for the Presidents to tie things at 24; a kill from Francis then gave the Presidents a 25-24 advantage. However, a penalty against the Presidents tied things at 25 -- and started a game-winning 3-0 run for the Raiders. Johnston served up an ace to give the Raiders a one-point lead, and Powers had the game-winning kill on a hit the Presidents failed to return despite a diving effort.

The Raiders have some experience on their side this season, with seven seniors on the roster. The roster for the Raiders includes: sophomore middle blocker Cindy Zhang, senior defensive specialist Milan Le, sophomore outside hitter Jenny Li, senior libero Melani Wijaya, senior outside hitter/rightside Ky Ly, sophomore middle hitter Josie Magnarelli, sophomore middle hitter Amelia Mattie, senior outside hitter/rightside Bella McKenzie, senior outside hitter/rightside Cora Ryan, sophomore middle hitter/rightside Mikayla Gooden, senior outside hitter/rightside Alexia Laci, sopho-



CELEBRATING A POINT in their 4-1 win over Quincy are North Quincy volleyball players (from left to right) Amelia Mattie, Bella McKenzie and Sadie Johnston. With the win the Raiders improved to 2-3 and the Presidents dropped to 4-1.

Quincy Sun Photos/Robert Bosworth



QUINCY PRESIDENTS celebrate a point against North Quincy. From left: Sariah Thiha Wong, Francesca Diaz, Kyrie Blue, Rachel De Silva, Misty Ly and Evalyn Catrambone.

more setter Joey Zhang, sophomore outside hitter/rightside Maevie Powers, junior defensive specialist Winnie Tran, senior setter Sadie Johnston, junior middle hitter Anna Crump, junior rightside/middle hitter Andreonna Sykes. The team's head coach is Caitlin Plaskasovitis.

The Presidents have an experienced team this season, with 10 seniors on their roster. The roster for the Presidents this season includes: senior middle hitter/rightside Charlotte Donovan, freshman setter/rightside Evalyn Catrambone, senior defensive specialist Shie Nguyen, senior outside hitter/rightside Raysa Difour, sophomore outside hitter/defensive specialist Francesca Diaz, sophomore middle hitter/outside/rightside Misty Ly, senior rightside hitter Callathea Allesandro, senior middle hitter/

outside Destiny Francis, senior rightside hitter/outside/middle Alyssa Hopps, senior defensive specialist Zoe Scibelli, senior outside hitter/defensive specialist Ella Roche, senior middle hitter Kyrie Blue, junior de-

fensive specialist/rightside Sariah Thiha Wong, junior defensive specialist Angel Le, senior outside hitter/defensive specialist Rachel Da Silva, sophomore setter Rory Kennedy, and sophomore setter/rightside hitter

Evalyn Catrambone. Jacqui Niosi is the team's head coach.

The Raiders host Hanover Friday, Sept. 20 at 5:15 p.m. The Presidents host Plymouth North Friday, Sept. 20 at 5:15 p.m.

NQ Football Downs OA, Raiders Improve To 2-0

North Quincy varsity football improved to 2-0 on the season with a 41-28 win over Oliver Ames Saturday at Veterans' Memorial Stadium.

Raider senior quarterback Mikey Galligan threw for two touchdowns and rushed for another (3 yard run). Galligan threw for 172 yards (7/15) and rushed for 105 yards on eight carries.

Senior wide receiver Marques Rodrigues-Smith scored two touchdowns for

the Raiders - one on a 93-yard kick-off return and another on a 20-yard pass reception from Galligan. Rodrigues-Smith had three receptions for 93 yards.

Junior running back Tim Toland (84 yards on 16 carries) scored on a three-yard run and also blocked a punt for the Raiders. The punt was recovered by sophomore defensive end Muhammad Alzubaidy who recovered the block punt in the endzone for a touchdown.

Senior wide receiver Tyler Cromwell caught a 23 touchdown pass from Galligan.

North Quincy visits Braintree Friday, Sept. 20. Kick off at 6 p.m. at Braintree High School.

After a bye week (week of Sept. 27), the Raiders return to action at Cohasset Friday, Oct. 4 at 7 p.m.

North's next home game at Veterans' Memorial Stadium is Friday, Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. against Plymouth South.

Fowler House Sends Woburn Packing In First Round Playoff Game

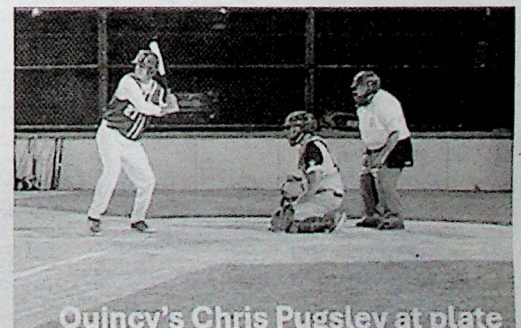
In the Colford Division of the Boston Amateur Baseball League (BABL) Sept. 11, Quincy's senior 52+ baseball team delivered another 6-5 walk-off win over the Woburn Nationals at Adams Field.

With the game knotted at 5 apiece, former Thayer and Boston College ace Chris Higgins pitched a scoreless seventh inning and then drove in Tim Baker, who had singled and stole second base, for the winning run in Quincy's bottom half of the final seventh inning. With 3 RBIs, Baker was also instrumental in preserving Quincy's early 3-0 lead through three innings as he made several great scoops at first base to keep Woburn off the bases.

Quincy's starting pitcher Steve Connolly delivered another impressive performance on the mound, holding the Nationals to two runs through five innings and a 5-2 Quincy lead.

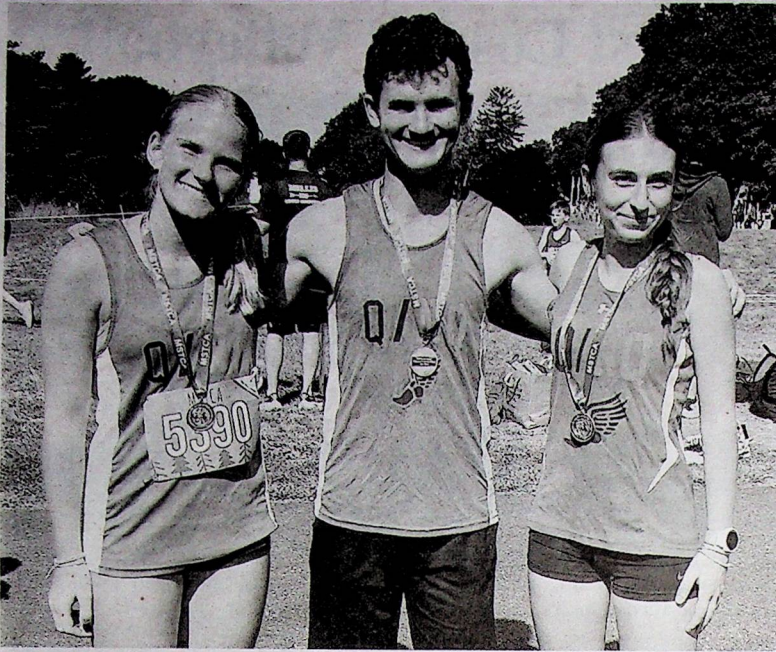
However, in the sixth inning, Woburn capitalized on a couple Quincy errors, and the Nats tied the game at 5-5. Woburn was poised to take the lead when Quincy Catcher Chris Pugsley collected a relay from outfielder Ed Duff and tagged out the Woburn baserunner at home plate to stop the Nationals rally, setting the stage for Quincy's first round playoff win.

Quincy hopes to knock off reigning BABL league champion Braintree Cardinals in a one and done semifinal game this Wednesday (Sept. 18th) at 8 p.m. at Adams. "Though we've had some close games, we only have one win over the Cards since I've been managing," said Quincy third-year player-manager Mike Hussey. "I know that our guys are looking for some redemption after losing the championship to them 3-2 a year ago."



Quincy's Chris Pugsley at plate

https://www.leaguelineup.com/standings_baseball.asp?url=babl03.



MEDAL WINNERS for the Quincy-North Quincy cross country teams at the recent MSTCA Relays at Highland Park in Attleboro were (from left to right) Zoe Nelson, Liam Murphy, Ada Cote, Caroline Zuffante, Amelija Slezas and Wilson Chen. *Courtesy Photos*

Quincy Lions Club Holds First Meeting Of 2024-25 Lionistic Year

On Wednesday, Sept. 11, the Lions Club of Quincy held their first meeting of the 2024-2025 Lionistic year. There were about 40 Lions in attendance and members were thrilled to have Lion Ernie Falbo able to attend as he has recovered from a kidney transplant after a campaign push by the Quincy Lions.

What made this night extra special for those in attendance was the induction of four new members and the reinstatement of former Lion Dave Spillane, a Hanover attorney, living in Quincy, sponsored by Lion

Uncle Sam Rounseville. The induction of Brian McFarland, a Quincy native and IT project manager, was sponsored by President Lion Sean Glennon. Barbara Bloom-Culkin, a Quincy resident and her friend Cynthia Tulloch of Milton joined after their friend and longtime Lion Bonnie Messina of the Medfield Lions encouraged them to join the Quincy Lions and was sponsored by Lion Jennifer Menelly. Cynthia Savoia, a memorial consultant and bookkeeper at Quincy Memorials, was sponsored by Past President Lion Jeff Poirier.



SEAN GLENNON and new Quincy Lion Brian McFarland.



RECENTLY INDUCTED members of the Quincy Lions Club Cynthia Tulloch and Barbara Bloom Culkin.

The induction ceremony was conducted by Past District Governor Matthew Richardson. The induction ceremony is a brief history of the founding of Lionism and how Chicago businessman Melvin Jones had an idea that local businessmen and women could do more for their communities. In 1925 Helen Keller challenged the Lions Clubs to become "Knights of the Blind in the Crusade against darkness," and be a voice to help end blindness.

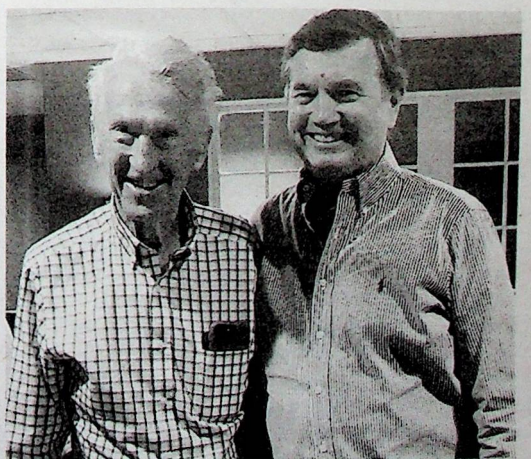
In 1951 the Massachusetts Lions across all five districts banded together to create the Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund, which has helped reduce blindness in premature babies; working towards a treatment for Macular Degeneration and Diabetic retinopathy.

Over the last 80+ years the Quincy Lions Club has served the City of Quincy, whether it has been through eye screenings with the eye mobile, pancake breakfasts, the run/walk for sight, the holiday Luncheon for the Visually Impaired and our Evening for Sight Gala, we strive to serve and help the residents of Quincy.

To learn more about the Lions Club of Quincy or if you would like to join, email quincylionsclub@gmail.com.



QUINCY LION Jeff Poirier and new member Cynthia Savoia.



QUINCY LIONS Uncle Sam Rounseville and Dave Spillane. *Courtesy Photos*

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Quincy Fire Department Retirement Banquet Oct. 7

The Quincy Fire Department, IAFF Local 792, will hold its annual retirement banquet on Monday, Oct. 7 at Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St., Boston.

Cocktail our begins at 6 p.m. and dinner begins at 7 p.m.

This year's honorees:

Lieutenant Ralph Blight, Lieutenant Kevin Ferrent,

Firefighter Paul Campbell, Firefighter Kevin Donelin, Firefighter Stephen Mitchell and Firefighter Michael Radigan.

All active and retired members are invited to attend and honor the careers of these members. Congratulations to this year's retirees and their dedicated years of service to the residents of Quincy.

Darcy's Pub Cornhole Tournament Sept. 29 Kicks Off 50th Celebration

The Common Market Restaurant Group is celebrating their local pub, Darcy's Village Pub turning 50 years old this year.

The kickoff event for the celebration is a Cornhole tournament on Sunday, Sept. 29th at the restaurant. The event begins at 12 noon and pre-registration is suggested to secure your team.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to QCAP, a local community nonprofit assisting families in need.

There will be live music, drink, beverages, raffles and prizes will be awarded. The restaurant can be reached at 617-773-9532 to register for the event.

Neponset River Fall Cleanup Sept. 28

The Neponset River Watershed Association (NepRWA), in collaboration with a coalition of partners, announces the return of the Neponset River Fall Cleanup, set for Saturday, Sept. 28th, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at various cleanup sites, including Canton, Dorchester, Hyde Park, Milton, Mattapan, Walpole, and Quincy.

The association is seeking volunteers of all ages and skill levels to be part of this meaningful and important event. Children under 15 are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.

NepRWA is dedicated to improving community green spaces by removing trash and debris and revitalizing the overall health of the Neponset River.

Karen Groce-Horan, the Community Engagement Specialist at NepRWA, emphasizes the pivotal role played by dedicated volunteers in strengthening natural resources and beautifying local recreational spaces.

"The Neponset River Cleanup Day across the Watershed is truly impactful," says Groce-Horan. "It's meaningful to unite communities around the River and its tributaries, enhancing the health of the Watershed, our environment, and the beautiful green spaces we cherish."

Pre-registration is appreciated for planning purposes at www.neponset.org/cleanup. During registration, volunteers have the opportunity to select their preferred cleanup site. The association will provide essential equipment on-site, including trash bags, gloves, and tools.

For any questions, or for more information on how to get involved in the Neponset River Cleanup, contact NepRWA Environmental Science Fellow, Paul Hanbury, at hanbury@neponset.org or 781-575-0354 x302.

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'The Importance Of Being Furnished: Four Bachelors at Home' At Eustis Estate

"The Importance of Being Furnished: Four Bachelors at Home" is on display at the Eustis Estate in Milton, through Sunday, Oct. 27.

This exhibit explores the evolution of American interior design by spotlighting four historic homes – Beauport-Sleeper-McCann House, Codman Estate, Gibson House, and Pendleton House – and their creators. Henry Davis Sleeper, Ogden Codman Jr., Charles Hammond Gibson, and Charles Leonard Pendleton played key roles in early twentieth-century preservation and interior design. In telling the stories of these four men, the exhibition showcases how they used their homes to forge identity, foster relationships, and create lasting design legacies in an era that looked upon the "bachelor aesthete," a figure presumed to be gay, with a mixture of admiration and profound suspicion.

Self-guided tours of "The Importance of Being Furnished: Four Bachelors at Home" are available on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays between 10 a.m. 4 p.m. Tickets to the exhibit, which include a self-guided tour of the house museum, are free for Historic New England members/\$20 for non-members. For more information, go to: <https://www.historicnewengland.org/visit/events>.

Exhibit-related special events include:

- A Museum as Muse panel discussion on Sept. 24 will feature Moderator Tripp Evans, guest curator of the exhibit and Professor of Art History at Wheaton College, artists Hannah Barrett and Beth Katleman—whose work appears in the show—and Pieranna Cavalchini, the Tom and Lisa Blumenthal Curator of Contemporary Art at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. Doors open at 6 p.m. for refreshments and exhibition viewing, discussion starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for Historic New England members/\$35 for non-members. To register, go to: <https://my.historicnewengland.org/20292/museum-as-muse>.

- An exhibition closing celebration with The History Project will be held on Sunday, Oct. 27, from 3 - 5 p.m. Participants will enjoy cider and charcuterie on the house's

Quincy Point Congregational Church

Sunday worship Sept. 22 starts at 10 a.m. at Quincy Point Congregational Church, 444 Washington St. in the air-conditioned sanctuary.

There is a place for you. Bring a friend too. Since it's "Bring a Friend to Church Month," the church encourages you to invite someone every Sunday throughout September.

Here are two important announcements for this weekend:

1. The Health and Nutrition Ministry Team invites everyone interested in learning how to make one-bowl meals to join them during Coffee Fellowship after church. You'll find recipes to take home, and the meal-making sessions will begin in October.

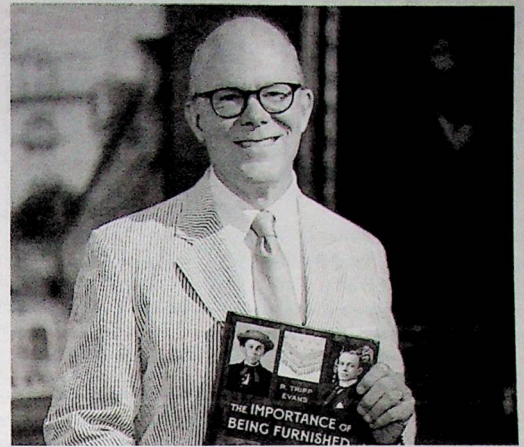
2. The church is also collecting old jeans to upcycle into aprons and bags for the church fair. Please drop off your donations at the church by Sunday, Sept. 22.

The church building is accessible via an elevator on the Abbey Road side of the building and an "all access" restroom.

For those unable to attend worship in person, the weekly service is live-streamed every Sunday at 10 a.m. on the church YouTube, Vimeo, and Facebook pages, as well as on the church website: www.quincypointcong.org. Previous services are also avail-

able for viewing anytime on these platforms.

Additionally, the Sunday worship service is re-broadcast on QATV channel 8, airing Sundays at 11:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m.



GUEST CURATOR R. Tripp Evans, with a copy of the book he wrote that accompanies the exhibition "The Importance of Being Furnished: Four Bachelors at Home" at the Eustis Estate through Oct. 27. *Courtesy Photo*

magnificent terrace, then explore the show with an introduction by curator Tripp Evans. Event tickets are \$20 for Historic New England members/\$25 for non-members. To register, go to: <https://my.historicnewengland.org/20292/exhibition-closing>.

Quincy Fire Prevention Week Open House

The Quincy Fire Department will be once again hosting its Fire Prevention Week Open House. This year's event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 12th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Mary's church parking lot, 115 Crescent St.

This year's Fire Prevention Week theme is SMOKE ALARMS: MAKE THEM WORK FOR YOU!

The Quincy Fire Department invites all residents of all ages to come and learn about fire prevention and other fire and life safety issues. There will be coloring books, toy helmets and stickers for the kids as well as valuable fire and life safety literature covering a variety of topics.

Visitors can watch the Jaws of Life in action as firefighters cut up a car and kids can flow water from the engine truck. Sparky the Fire Dog will be there as well.

Pizza and bottled water will be provided.

This will be a fun and educational event for the residents of Quincy. QFD hopes to see you there.

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OBITUARIES

Karen P. Vallone, 60

Karen P. (DeWever) Vallone, age 60, of Quincy, passed away, Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at home, surrounded by her family, after a long battle with kidney disease.

Karen was born on January 10, 1964. She was the first of four children. Karen attended Quincy Public Schools and graduated from Quincy High School in 1982. She attended Saint Joseph's College of Maine that following September where she studied to become a nurse. It was there she met her now husband, Bob.

Karen had a successful nursing career where she started out working in nursing homes before she landed at Milton Hospital, where she spent a majority of her career. She worked on the medical surgery floor, 2 North for over ten years. From there, she finished her career at Old Colony Correction Center, where she was an overnight nurse.

Karen's two greatest joys in life were traveling and being a grandmother. She loved the warm tropical climates of Aruba, the Bahamas, and Saint Lucia. She loved taking her two children (even as adults!) to Disney World in Florida, too. Karen enjoyed all the time she could spend with her granddaughter, and had hoped one day in the near future to travel with her to Disney World. Karen often said, "She keeps me going when I want to quit." Karen's life dream was to travel to Italy.

Beloved wife for thirty-seven years of Robert "Bob" Vallone, Jr.

Devoted mother of Trevor Vallone and his wife



KAREN P. VALLONE

Donna, and Angela Vallone, all of Quincy.

Adoring grandmother of her "pumpkin," Leanne.

Cherished daughter of Carol F. (Campbell) DeWever of Quincy and the late Peter A. DeWever.

Dear sister of Steven DeWever and his longtime partner Lynn of Mechanic Falls, Maine, Diane O'Brien and her longtime partner Dana of Brockton, and the late James J. DeWever.

Loving niece of Sister Patricia Campbell of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Karen is also survived by many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Funeral Services will be conducted at the Dolan Funeral Home, 460 Granite Ave, East Milton, on Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 10:30 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Visiting hours were held at the funeral home on Tuesday, Sept. 17. Interment private.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Karen's memory may be made to Old Colony Hospice, 321 Manley St., West Bridgewater, MA 02379 or www.oldcolony-hospice.org.

To leave the Vallone family a condolence message, please visit www.dolanfuneral.com.

Leo J. DelVecchio, 86

Leo J. DelVecchio, age 86, a lifelong resident of Quincy, died peacefully, Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024 surrounded by his loving family.

Leo was born in Quincy, to the late Louis and Anna (DiCroce) DelVecchio. He was a graduate of Quincy High Trade School, Class of 1956. After graduating second in his class, Leo earned his certificates in advanced plumbing and mechanical drafting from the Franklin Institute of Technology.

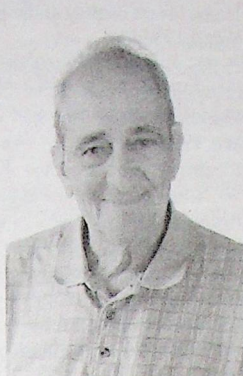
He was proud to have served as a Sergeant in the United States Army Reserve during the 1960s.

Leo began his career as a journeyman and master plumber for Barile Plumbing of Braintree, spending nearly thirty years with the company. Following this, he was employed as a project manager with Commonwealth Plumbing of Weymouth for eight years. He went on to work for Norfolk Mechanical of Weymouth as an estimator for eight years, before retiring from Maguire Plumbing of Newton as an estimator and consultant. He was an associate of the American Society of Plumbing Engineers for over twenty years.

He was a lifelong, active parishioner of Saint John the Baptist Church in Quincy, where he volunteered for the Food Pantry. Along with his wife, Marilyn, Leo ran the South Shore Bank golf league at the Rockland Golf Course for many years. Leo also enjoyed crafts and puzzles, was an avid reader, and enjoyed gardening and working on his home. Leo enjoyed many trips to Disney World with his family.

He was devoted to his family and especially enjoyed supporting the activities and accomplishments of his daughters and grandsons. Leo was known for always using his many talents to help out family and friends.

Beloved husband for sixty-three years of Marilyn A. (DeAngelo) DelVecchio.



LEO J. DELVECCHIO

Devoted father of Leanne Arthur and her husband Paul of Marshfield, and Michele Bickford and her husband Fred of Norwell. Loving grandfather of Michael Arthur and his wife Ashleigh, Daniel Arthur and his fiancé Annie Porter, Benjamin Bickford, and Christopher Bickford. He was the great grandfather of Rhys Arthur.

Leo was the dear brother of Alfred G. DelVecchio and his wife Thomasine of Quincy, and brother-in-law of Bitsy DelVecchio of Quincy. He was predeceased by his sister, Josephine Puglisi, and brothers, Mario M. DelVecchio and Vincent J. DelVecchio. Leo is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in Saint John the Baptist Church, 44 School St, Quincy, on Saturday, Sept. 21, at 10 o'clock. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Visiting Hours will be held at the Dolan Funeral Home, 460 Granite Ave, East Milton, on Friday, Sept. 20, from 4 - 7 p.m. Interment, with military honors, at Blue Hill Cemetery, Braintree.

For those who wish, donations in Leo's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or Saint John's Food Pantry, c/o 556 Washington St., Quincy, MA 02169.

To leave the DelVecchio family a condolence message, please visit www.dolanfuneral.com.

Diana Dauti, 81

Diana (Kapshtica) Dauti, of Quincy, passed away Sunday evening Sept. 8th, 2024 at the South Shore Hospital in Weymouth after a sudden illness. She was 81.

Diana is survived by her beloved husband Abraham Dauti and her loving daughters Rina Dauti, Adela D'Agostino and her husband Robert, and Iva Dauti and her husband Cameron. Diana's greatest pride were her daughters and her cherished grandchildren Dennis, Fiona, R.J., and Sophia Diana.

The daughter of the late Ahmet and Haxhire Kapshtica, Diana was born and raised in the village of Kapshtice/Korce Albania.

Diana had been employed for many years as a nurse at the Elbasan Regional Hospital in Albania. After her retirement she joined her daughters in the United States, settling in Quincy.

She was known for helping people with her nursing



DIANA DAUTI

skills throughout the neighborhood where she lived and would be sought after for her medical advice. Diana enjoyed knitting and loved to cook and was famous for her baklava recipe.

Visiting hours were held Thursday, Sept. 12, 2024, at the Hamel-Lydon Chapel, 650 Hancock Street, Quincy.

Funeral arrangements are under the compassionate care of Hamel-Lydon Chapel. For information and on-line condolences, please visit HamelLydon.com.

Mark G. Mountain

Mark G. Mountain passed away unexpectedly at home on Friday, Sept. 6, 2024. Mark was the loving husband of Tina (King) and proudest father of his 2 children, Lauren & fiancé Seth Gardner and Mark C. and his partner Sara Arruda.

Mark was an only child who happily embraced and truly became a part of his wife's family and loved all his in-laws. He loved being Uncle Mark to his many nieces and nephews.

He moved to Dorchester from New Hampshire while in middle school and quickly learned that flannel shirts were not a way to fit in. Many of his friends were surprised to learn over the years that Mountain wasn't just a nickname.

His love of music, guitars, sports, wrestling, and THC is what most people will think of first when thinking of him. Mark was an avid concert goer, and his love of music was shared with his closest friends who attended so many concerts with him over the years. But most importantly, Mark loved his family and friends. He opened his heart and home to many, so much so that pizza night Fridays were an infamous staple for his children and their many friends growing up.

As a custodian for 27 years in the Boston Public Schools, Mark most recently worked at the Carter School. He had a very special place in his heart for the many students he was fortunate to have connected with over the years. He would come



MARK G. MOUNTAIN

home telling stories of their achievements and enjoyed popping wheelies or racing down the hallway with the students in the wheelchairs and playing his guitar for them.

Mark is predeceased by his parents, Maureen Mountain (Gallant) and Harold "Rusty" Mountain. He was a loving nephew and cousin to the Gallant, Grenier and McLeod family.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to greet the family during the visiting hours on Wednesday, Sept. 18th, from 4-8 p.m. in the Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St., Quincy. Funeral service will be celebrated on Thursday, Sept. 19th, at 10 a.m. in Keohane Funeral Home, Quincy. Interment at Pine Hill Cemetery, Quincy.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Mark to the Friends of the William Carter School to support their music therapy programs. Donations can be mailed to the Friends of the Carter School c/o Marianne Kopaczynski, 41 Pershing Rd., Framingham, MA 01702. Please see www.Keohane.com for directions and online condolences.

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Council Adopts HERO Act Tax Abatements

By SCOTT JACKSON

City councillors on Monday unanimously approved adopting two local options included within the recently enacted HERO Act that will increase the property tax abatements available to certain veterans.

Mayor Thomas Koch and Councillors Richard Ash, William Harris, Nina Liang, Noel DiBona and Scott Campbell co-sponsored the order to adopt those provisions of the HERO Act.

"It brings me great joy to work with the mayor and the administration to bring this ordinance to the council, to the body, and to the city tonight," Ash said. "On Aug. 8, Governor Healey and Lieutenant Governor Driscoll signed what is the acronym for the HERO Act into law in the state of Massachusetts. There are a number of key items and issues discussed and the envelope pushed forward to honor veterans in the HERO Act and one of those that we're going to be discussing and adopting tonight, hopefully, will be a tax exemption for veterans."

Koch's chief of staff, Chris Walker, said no community does more for its

veterans than Quincy does.

"We first want to thank this body over the course of the last many years for its ongoing, truly unprecedented, support of our city's veterans - this group together with the mayor," Walker said. "I don't think there is another community in the commonwealth that does as much for our veterans than the city of Quincy does. This is another opportunity for us to do our part."

The HERO Act adds two new veteran property tax exemption clauses to the state's general laws, said John Rowland, the chairperson of the city's board of assessors. The first clause increases the amount of the tax exemption granted to veterans on their domiciles under several clauses of state law annually by a cost-of-living adjustment determined by the state Department of Revenue. The other provides an additional exemption of up to 100 percent of the tax exemption already granted by those same clauses of state law; Rowland said the order before the council would increase the exemption by 100 percent, the most allowed under state law. The additional exemption, he noted,

cannot reduce the tax owed below what the taxpayer would owe on 10 percent of the current assessed value of their domicile.

The tax exemptions currently available to veterans include a \$400 exemption for disabled veterans; a \$400 exemption for veterans awarded the Purple Heart; a \$400 surviving spouse exemption; a \$750 exemption for veterans who lost a hand, foot or eye in the line of duty; a \$750 exemption for veterans who were awarded the Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Navy Cross or the Air Force Cross; a \$1,250 exemption for veterans who lost both hands, both feet, or both eyes in the line of duty; a \$1,500 exemption for veterans who suffered a 100 percent disability in the line of duty and require special adaptive housing; and a \$1,000 exemption for veterans who suffered a 100 percent disability in the line of duty and require special adaptive housing, but the title of the house in the name of their spouse.

"While these amounts will increase, I do encourage anybody watching at

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice of Public Hearing
2024-109

9/16/24

The Quincy City Council will hold a Public Hearing, on Monday, October 7, 2024 at 6:30 PM in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy in reference to a petition from National Grid for gas main location.

National Grid hereby respectfully requests permission to the locations of mains as hereinafter described for the transmission and distribution of gas in and under the following public streets, lanes, highways and places of the City of Quincy and of the pipes, valves, governors, manholes and other structures, fixtures and appurtenances designed or intended to protect or operate said mains and accomplish the objects of said Company; and the digging up and opening the ground to lay or place same:

Due to City of Quincy Water Main replacement, National Grid recommends:

-Replace 110 feet of 4-Inch Cast Iron (1908) gas main in the intersection of Bay View St and Southern Artery with 110 feet of 8-Inch Plastic gas main.

-Replace 40 feet 6-inch Cast Iron (1907) gas main in the intersection of River St and Bay View St with 40 feet of 6-Inch LP PL gas main.

-Replace 170' of 6" Cast Iron (1907) gas main and 10 feet of 6-Inch Coated Steel (1951) gas main in the intersection of Southern Artery and Moore St with 110 feet of 8-Inch Plastic gas main.

--Replace 370 feet of 6-Inch Cast Iron (1919) gas main in the intersection of Southern Artery From Bay View St to Silver St with 470 feet of 8-Inch Plastic gas main.

-Replace 110 feet of 4-Inch Cast Iron (1919) gas main in the intersection of Southern Artery and Graham St with 110 feet of 6-Inch Plastic gas main.

Date: June 25, 2024

A copy of the Applicant's plan may be examined at the Office of the City Clerk, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA. Monday thru Friday during regular business hours 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Any person wishing to comment can also do so via email to jmanning@quincyma.gov or by regular first-class mail addressed to the City Council Office, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA 02169 Attn: Jennifer Manning. Written comment must be received prior to noon on October 7, 2024 to be entered into the record.

Nicole L. Crispo
Clerk of the Council

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice of Public Hearing
2024-110

9/16/24

The Quincy City Council will hold a Public Hearing, on Monday, October 7, 2024 at 6:35PM in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy in reference to a petition from National Grid for gas main location.

National Grid hereby respectfully requests permission to the locations of mains as hereinafter described for the transmission and distribution of gas in and under the following public streets, lanes, highways and places of the City of Quincy and of the pipes, valves, governors, manholes and other structures, fixtures and appurtenances designed or intended to protect or operate said mains and accomplish the objects of said Company; and the digging up and opening the ground to lay or place same:

As part of the BSMNRPL Program, National Grid, recommends:

-the installation of approximately 980 feet of 8-Inch, plastic in Willard St from Cope-land St, across I-93 to Ricciuti Dr, Quincy.

-the relay of approximately 120 feet of 12-inch, Coated Steel (1957) with approximately 120 feet of 8-inch, Plastic in Willard St from Ricciuti Dr to the existing 8-inch, Plastic at #402-406 Willard St, Quincy.

The abandonment of approximately 450 feet of 12-Inch, Coated Steel (1957) across I-93 from the intersection of Willard St and Ricciuti Dr to Furnace Ave, Quincy.

Date: July 2, 2024

A copy of the Applicant's plan may be examined at the Office of the City Clerk, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA. Monday thru Friday during regular business hours 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Any person wishing to comment can also do so via email to jmanning@quincyma.gov or by regular first-class mail addressed to the City Council Office 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA 02169 Attn: Jennifer Manning. Written comment must be received prior to noon on October 7, 2024 to be entered into the record.

Nicole L. Crispo
Clerk of the Council

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice of Public Hearing
2024-111

9/16/24

The Quincy City Council will hold a Public Hearing, on Monday, October 7, 2024 at 6:40 PM in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy in reference to a petition from National Grid for gas main location.

National Grid hereby respectfully requests permission to the locations of mains as hereinafter described for the transmission and distribution of gas in and under the following public streets, lanes, highways and places of the City of Quincy and of the pipes, valves, governors, manholes and other structures, fixtures and appurtenances designed or intended to protect or operate said mains and accomplish the objects of said Company; and the digging up and opening the ground to lay or place same:

As part of the CIRE101214 Program, National Grid recommends the relay of approximately 330 feet of 12-inch, Cast Iron (1930), with approximately 330 feet of 8-inch, Plastic in Furnace Brook Pkwy, from the existing 8-inch, Plastic (2016) at #204 Park Lane to the existing 8-inch, Plastic (2016) at Lafayette St. The abandonment of approximately 35 feet 6-inch, Cast Iron (1929) running off of Furnace Brook Pkwy as part of the service to #43 Lafayette St-relay service to #43 Lafayette St from the 6-inch, Plastic main in Lafayette St.

Date: August 6, 2024

A copy of the Applicant's plan may be examined at the Office of the City Clerk, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA. Monday thru Friday during regular business hours 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Any person wishing to comment can also do so via email to jmanning@quincyma.gov or by regular first-class mail addressed to the City Council Office 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA 02169 Attn: Jennifer Manning. Written comment must be received prior to noon on October 7, 2024 to be entered into the record.

Nicole L. Crispo
Clerk of the Council

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City Council Adopts HERO Act Tax Abatements

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LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
Docket No. NO24C0309CA
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

Norfolk Probate and Family Court
35 Shawmut Road
Canton, MA 02021
(781) 830-1200

In the Matter of:
Grace Margaret Dodge
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by

Grace Margaret Dodge of Quincy, MA

requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Grace Margaret Riley

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Norfolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/09/2024.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 3, 2024
COLLEEN M. BRIERLEY
Register of Probate

9/19/24

LEGAL NOTICE

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE
Docket No. NO24P2219EA
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

Norfolk Division
35 Shawmut Road
Canton, MA 02021
(781) 830-1200

Estate of:
John Chen

Date of Death:
12/19/2023

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of:

Petitioner **Jack Chen of Sunnyvale, CA**

Jack Chen of Sunnyvale, CA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

WITNESS, Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 6, 2024
COLLEEN M. BRIERLEY
Register of Probate

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home to review these exemptions to see if they qualify," Rowland said. "Our office is still taking exemption applications, which are due by April 1 of next year."

Rowland also highlighted three additional exemptions that provide a full tax exemption to those who qualify. Those exemptions are available to surviving parents and surviving spouses of military personnel, in-

LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. NO24P2445EA
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

Norfolk Probate and Family Court
35 Shawmut Road
Canton, MA 02021
(781) 830-1200

Estate of:
Elsie M. Lincoln

Also known as:
Elsie Lincoln

Date of Death:
7/25/2024

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Franklin D. Lincoln of Weymouth, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Franklin D. Lincoln of Weymouth, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 A.M. on the return day of 10/09/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 6, 2024
COLLEEN M. BRIERLEY
Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. NO24P2532EA
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

Norfolk Probate and Family Court
35 Shawmut Road
Canton, MA 02021
(781) 830-1200

Estate of:
Michael M. Crain

Also known as:
Michael Mahlon Crain

Date of Death:
6/30/2024

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Diane Crain of Quincy, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Diane Crain of Quincy, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 A.M. on the return day of 10/16/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 10, 2024
COLLEEN M. BRIERLEY
Register of Probate

9/19/24

cluding the National Guard, missing in action and presumed dead or who died as a proximate result of direct injury or illness contracted during active duty service; the surviving spouse exemptions ends if the spouse remarries. There is also a full exemption available to veterans certified by the Veterans Administration as paraplegic, which spouses and surviving spouses also qualify for if not remarried.

The additional exemptions will start in fiscal year 2026, which begins on July 1, 2025. The cost of the benefits to the city in FY2026, prior to the increases, is projected at \$82,789, according to Eric Mason, the director of municipal finance. The projected total cost of the HERO Act adoptions is \$197,880 in FY2026 and \$2.3 million over the first decade.

"While this is very, very, very impactful for veterans

and surviving relatives, the cost is relatively de minimis for the operations of the city of itself," Mason said.

There are presently 311 veteran households in Quincy, Mason added, and those projections are based on the current enrollment in the program.

During the meeting, Campbell asked if the exemptions are automatically given or if veterans have to apply for them and, if so, how the city plans to let veterans know about them. Rowland said the exemptions do have to be applied for. The assessors mail out exemption forms to homeowners who previously applied for and received an exemption, Rowland said, and the forms are also available on the city's website.

Walker said the mayor's office would work with Christine Cugini, the city's director of veterans' service, on an outreach campaign to

let veterans know about the exemptions.

"This body is very well ahead of the game in terms of communities across the state. This doesn't take effect until July 1, 2025, so we have some time to work on communications materials with the Veterans' Services Department," Walker said.

DiBona said Quincy prioritizes veterans.

"Basically what it comes down to is the Quincy City Council and the city of Quincy, we prioritize veterans affairs and issues," he said. "We've come a long way, the legislation from the state, and to have to come down to the city of Quincy is important."

Liang said residents who want to learn more about the exemptions available for veterans, or any other exemptions available, should contact the city assessors.

"Folks who want to find out more about this program or really any program... should contact your office, the assessors' office," she said. "That's for any questions, application processes, follow up, et cetera."

LEGAL NOTICE

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE
Docket No. NO24P0482EA
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

Norfolk Division
35 Shawmut Road
Canton, MA 02021
(781) 830-1200

Estate of:
Geraldine P. Maher

Also Known As:
Geraldine P. Regan

Date of Death:
January 27, 2024

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of:

Petitioner **Jennifer A. Lavin of Weymouth, MA.**

A Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Jennifer A. Lavin of Weymouth, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Quincy Inspectional Services
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CASE NO. ZBA-24-58

Pursuant to the provisions of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance of the Quincy Zoning Board of Appeals as amended, an Open Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** in the First Floor Meeting Room, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy MA 02169, on the application of **Joan McLaughlin and John Leeman** for a Variance and Special Permit/FPOD to increase the current single family dwelling by one and half stories, add/renovate both front and back porches add a rear addition and make the structure flood compliant in violation of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance 4.1.1 Table of Dimensional Requirements and 8.1.9 Special Permit in a Flood Plain on the premises numbered 145 Dorchester Street, Quincy.

Plans and specifications may be viewed online at <https://quincyma.portal.opengov.com/search>

Martin Aikens, Chairman

9/19/24, 9/26/24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Quincy Inspectional Services
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CASE NO. ZBA-24-59

Pursuant to the provisions of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance of the Quincy Zoning Board of Appeals as amended, an Open Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** in the First Floor Meeting Room, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy MA 02169, on the application of **JCBT Architect LLC** for a Variance, Finding and Special Permit/FPOD to demolish existing garage to construct a 3 story rear addition with a garage in violation of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance 3.4.5 Nonconforming residential structure, 4.1.1 Table of Dimensional Requirements and 8.1.9 Special Permit/FPOD on the premises numbered 130 Willow Street, Quincy.

Plans and specifications may be viewed online at <https://quincyma.portal.opengov.com/search>

Martin Aikens, Chairman

9/19/24, 9/26/24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Quincy Inspectional Services
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CASE NO. ZBA-24-65

Pursuant to the provisions of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance of the Quincy Zoning Board of Appeals as amended, an Open Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** in the First Floor Meeting Room, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy MA 02169, on the application of **Stephen Niosi** for a Variance and Finding to rehabilitate and expand the existing structure resulting in fourteen new dwelling units in violation of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance 4.1.1 Table of Dimensional Requirements, 5.1.8 Parking and 5.1.4 Parking Setbacks on the premises numbered 29-31 Newcomb Street, Quincy, MA.

Plans and specifications may be viewed online at <https://quincyma.portal.opengov.com/search>

Martin Aikens, Chairman

9/19/24, 9/26/24

Protect Yourself from Identity Theft: Expert Warning On Recent QR Code Scams

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verifying it through their official website or customer service.

Inspect the URL Carefully

Before interacting with any site accessed through

a QR code, take a close look at its URL. Suspicious URLs with misspellings, unusual characters, or strange extensions are red flags for fraudulent sites. If something seems off, do not

proceed. It's safer to manually type the web address into your browser.

Keep Your Devices Secure

Ensure your smartphone, tablet, or computer is up to date with the latest security patches and antivirus soft-

ware. Regular updates are essential to protect against new vulnerabilities that could be exploited by identity thieves. This includes updating operating systems, browsers, and any apps used to scan QR codes.

Be Wary of

Shortened URLs

QR codes that lead to shortened URLs can be particularly deceptive because they mask the true destination. If you're unsure about

the link, avoid proceeding or use a URL expander to preview where the link will take you before clicking.

Kushal Tantry, CEO of QR Code Developer, underscores the importance of vigilance: "Identity thieves are exploiting the speed and simplicity of QR codes to deceive users. Taking just a moment to verify the source and authenticity of a QR code can prevent your personal information from fall-

ing into the wrong hands." "Businesses are also urged to educate their customers about the risks of QR code fraud, particularly the potential for identity theft. While QR codes offer convenience, they also come with risks that require constant awareness. By following these precautions, you can protect yourself from identity theft and ensure that your sensitive information remains secure."

Eustis Estate Annual Arts Market Sept. 28

The Eustis Estate, 1424 Canton Ave. in Milton, will host its Annual Arts Market on Saturday, Sept. 28, and Sunday, Sept. 29, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. each day.

The open-air market will feature 50 local craftspeople selling unique, handmade items, including: clothing, fiber arts, glass, jewelry,

metalworking, painting, photography, pottery, and woodworking.

Admission is free for Historic New England members, \$5 for non-members.

Purchase tickets at the event or in advance at: [https://my.historicnewengland.org/20292/5th-eus-](https://my.historicnewengland.org/20292/5th-eus-sun)

[sat \(Saturday\) https://my.historicnewengland.org/20292/5th-eus-sun](https://my.historicnewengland.org/20292/5th-eus-sun) (Sunday).

Admission to the house museum is not included with this ticket.

For more information about the Arts Market, call 617-994-5914.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Request for Proposals (RFP)

"Community Engagement Planning Services"

City of Quincy
Quincy, Massachusetts

Notice

DUE: October 3, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.

The City of Quincy, acting through the Mayor's Office, is soliciting proposals for a qualified firm(s) to assist with activities associated with the attached Community Engagement Plan of the City's Municipal Broadband Master Plan. The City of Quincy reserves the right to utilize the selected firm(s) for the aforementioned project along with any other project(s) which may arise within the City of Quincy in which the City of Quincy seeks to services of said Public Relations Firm(s) over the duration of the contract period.

The City will conduct a comparative review of proposals from consultants meeting all the following criteria: to demonstrate the ability to effectively communicate using various multi-media as well as social media outlets and the ability to communicate in a City with a diverse population, familiarity with the history of redevelopment in Quincy and a strong understanding of the Urban Renewal process in Massachusetts, and experience in public relations business development.

Proposals will be received at the Office of the Purchasing Department; City Hall; 1305 Hancock Street; Quincy, MA 02169, until **Thursday, October 3, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.**

Detailed specifications are available on-line at the City of Quincy's website, www.quincyma.gov and available at the Office of the Purchasing Department, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts, 02169, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

All inquiries regarding this bid should be directed to Kathryn R. Logan, Chief Procurement Officer by email: klogan@quincyma.gov and cc: mmarini@quincyma.gov. Inquiries will be accepted until September 27, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

The City of Quincy Mayor's Office shall determine the selected proposer(s). The City of Quincy reserves the right to withdraw the RFP; to reject any and all proposals; and to accept any proposals deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Quincy.

Non-responsive and/or unbalanced bids may be rejected.

Thomas P. Koch, Mayor
Kathryn R. Logan, Chief Procurement Officer

9/19/24

INVITATION TO BID

Invitation to Bid

City of Quincy
Quincy, Massachusetts

Notice

DUE: October 3, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

The City of Quincy, acting through the Department of Natural Resources, is soliciting bids for the **Delivery of Christmas Trees**. The City is seeking three (3) Christmas trees for its annual Downtown Christmas Lighting Display. The trees are to be sourced from a reputable New England grower/nursery that meets the approval of the City's Department of Natural Resources. Responsive bidders will have a local point of contact that can respond in person to any concerns or issues that arise on site. The awarded contractor shall conform to the attached specifications.

Trees must be delivered to Quincy Center (two (2) to 1305 Hancock Street and one (1) to General Joseph Dunford Drive) between November 7, 2024 and November 10, 2024. Arrangements must be made at least two (2) weeks in advance with the City for off-loading.

Bids must state exceptions, if any, the delivery date, and any allowable discounts. Bids/Proposals must be in a sealed envelope. The outside of the sealed envelope is to be clearly marked **"BID ENCLOSED"** with time/date of bid call.

Bids will be received at the Office of the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA 02169, until **Thursday, October 3, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.**

Firm bid prices will be given first consideration. Bids will be received at the Office of the Purchasing Department until the time and date stated above, at which time and date they will be publicly opened and read. Late Bids delivered by mail or in person will be rejected.

Detailed specifications are available on-line at the City of Quincy's website, www.quincyma.gov and available at the Office of the Purchasing Department, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts, 02169, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

All inquiries regarding this bid should be directed to Kathryn R. Logan, Chief Procurement Officer by email: klogan@quincyma.gov and cc: mmarini@quincyma.gov. Inquiries will be accepted until September 27, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

The City of Quincy reserves the right to withdraw the Bid; to reject any and all bids; and to accept any bids deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Quincy.

Non-responsive and/or unbalanced bids may be rejected.

Thomas P. Koch, Mayor
David Murphy, Commissioner of Natural Resources
Kathryn R. Logan, Chief Procurement Officer

9/19/24

READERS FORUM - MORE LETTERS ON PAGE 28

Quincy For A Free Palestine Clarifies Council Resolution

Dear Quincy Sun Readers' Forum:

On Monday, Sept. 9th, the Quincy City Council finally put our Ceasefire in Gaza Resolution on the agenda after many months of our reaching out to them. We are very disappointed with the outcome of that meeting and are in the process of drafting a full response. In the meantime, we wanted to share the ceasefire resolution that they had on their agenda for that meeting.

Since some of the councillors seemed confused about the source of the resolution, we want to clarify that we wrote and first submitted this version to them last February, followed by several later versions with updated information. Unfortunately, the figures here are sorely out of date because all the numbers have climbed much higher since February.

Sincerely,

Charisma Henderson, Joe Herosy, Sue Doherty, Ky Slayter, George Hallack, and Fay Strigler, on behalf of Quincy for a Free Palestine

QUINCY CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A CEASEFIRE IN GAZA

(Version that was on the City Council agenda on 9/9/24; this has the original figures we submitted in February.)

WHEREAS, the Quincy City Council holds every human life sacred, regardless of race, religion or nationality; and

WHEREAS, since October 7th, 2023, the Israeli government's siege of Gaza has killed more than 29,000 Palestinians, almost all of them civilians and nearly half of them children, and wounded almost 70,000 civilians; and

WHEREAS, more than 1.9 million residents of Gaza have been forced to leave their homes, many of them displaced multiple times; and

WHEREAS, humanitarian aid into Gaza has been blocked, threatening more than half a million people with death from starvation and disease; and

WHEREAS, during the temporary ceasefire in November 2023, 110 Israeli and international hostages and 240 Palestinian prisoners were released, but since the resumption of Israel's bombing of homes, hospitals, schools, churches, mosques, and historic sites, the process of releasing hostages or prisoners has been stalled and more than twenty-five hostages have died; and

WHEREAS, since October 7th, 2023, the United States government has pledged an additional \$14 billion of unconditional military aid to the Israeli government and sent \$250 million without Congressional approval; and

WHEREAS, the United States was the only nation to veto the United Nations Security Council call for a ceasefire; and

WHEREAS, the conflict is rapidly spreading to the West Bank, Lebanon, Yemen, Iraq, Syria, and beyond; and

WHEREAS, in the US we have witnessed restrictions on freedom of speech and the right to peaceful protest, and in Palestine over 100 journalists openly identified as PRESS have been murdered, and

WHEREAS, the climate of fear, anger, and disinformation in the United States has led to an escalation of threats, hate speech, and hate crimes against Jewish, Palestinian, Muslim, and Arab Americans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Quincy City Council, call for an immediate and sustained ceasefire in Gaza, an end to the Israeli military siege of the Gaza Strip, the release of all Israeli and Palestinian hostages and detainees, the removal of obstacles to urgently-needed humanitarian aid entering Gaza, and an end to unconditional United States military aid to the Israeli government.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we extend our support to all the broken-hearted and vulnerable members of our Quincy community who are directly affected by this ongoing crisis, reaffirm our commitment to the safety of all members of our community, and pledge to join with others seeking just and peaceful solutions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Quincy City Council shall cause a copy of this Resolution to be sent to President Joseph Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, Senator Elizabeth Warren, Senator Edward Markey, and Representative Stephen Lynch.

READERS FORUM

Reflects On Events Of Sept. 9

To the Editor:

I have spent some time thinking on the events of Sept. 9th in the Quincy City Hall council chambers. The event prior to the council meeting was great. People were allowed to express themselves. We made signs, we gave speeches, and we gave interviews.

Why was it great? It was great, because it provided a relief valve. We do not like the outrageous salary raises that the councilors and the mayor gave themselves. We have made many requests that they meet with the public to discuss these raises and an appropriate way forward. It is frustrating that the city councilors will not have community meetings.

During the 9/9 meeting, we were unable to bring signs into the Quincy City Hall council chambers. This was said to have been done because there was the possibility of an uproar coming from proponents of Israel and Palestine. There was a resolution in front of the City Council supporting

a ceasefire in Gaza. That resolution was voted down, but the resolution excluding migrants and asylum seekers from the state's "right to shelter law" was approved. The Quincy City Council is consistent in its lack of compassion.

At the beginning of the meeting, Mimi Balsamo bravely stood in front of the city council and said "I think we should review repealing the raises." It was not planned --- it was spontaneous. And the standing ovation and cries for free speech and public discourse were all unplanned and spontaneous. With no signs and no public meetings, voices were raised.

None of our city councilors have held a ward or city-wide meeting to discuss the raises. Instead, the councilors have allowed this to fester. Despite a petition, emails, letters and phone calls (whether they came from a single individual, 100s of individuals, or even 1,000s of individuals) city councilors have not con-

ducted a public meeting.

The Quincy City Council President struggled to regain control of the Sept. 9th meeting. How much better would it have been for him and the others had they made the time to face the public---the very people who are paying their salaries? They have talked with individuals, including me, but appear unable to face the public in a community meeting.

And yes---for those of you who watched the 9/9 city council meeting, I am the Kathy who was singled out and scolded during the City Council meeting.

Kathy Thrun
Wevoters.org
Wollaston

(Editor's note: The resolution regarding support for a Gaza ceasefire was placed on the agenda by Ward 3 Councilor Ian Cain and Ward 2 Councilor Richard Ash. The resolution was discussed by councilors but there was no motion to vote on the resolution at the city council meeting.)

Says There's Secrecy At Crane Library

The advocates of government secrecy struck again at our local public library. Director Slymon has determined that her updates to the Board of Trustees via the "Director's Report" will be done only in written format and only provided to Board Members. Which means the "Director's Report" accessible to those members of the public who attended the public meeting was "There was record attendance at all summer programs. The summer was great."

Previously, the director gave a verbal report, including details about specific programs, future plans, ongoing physical updates to the library, current challenges and more. Apparently, the Director has now decided all that is "top secret" and

will not be shared online or with members of the public. (And given that some Board members apparently did not read the report before the meeting, it's not being shared effectively even with the Library's own Board of Trustees).

What does Director Slymon have to hide? If everything is going "great" why not share the news? If there are problems, why not have an actual discussion with the Board on potential solutions? (Have there been any more overdoses on the property? What is the status of the artwork being conserved? Has she rejected any more donations from local groups seeking to give the Library books?).

The current Library Board is not treated as a resource to be consulted by

Director Slymon and the Board in fact seems to be quite dysfunctional with disagreements about the Trustees' budget process and the fact that bylaw updates are taking years.

Director Slymon's recent actions are those of someone who has no respect for transparency in government. She wants no feedback from the Board and is working to ensure no member outside her select coterie can know anything at all about how the Library is doing. Is this really necessary? Are the events at the Library worthy of this level of secrecy? Is this really how we want our City run? It certainly doesn't meet my expectations of a well-run City government department.

Cindy Brandi
Quincy

Thank Perdios, Gutro For Forum Vote

(Editor's Note: A copy of the following letter that was sent to members of the Quincy School Committee was submitted to The Quincy Sun for publication.)

As we understand it, during the Covid epidemic, the School Committee instituted a process in which concerned Quincy citizens could submit emails to the Open Forum segment of each meeting. The emails would be read aloud and entered into the official meeting record. Since that time this has been a very effective, efficient and timely way in which to encourage citizens to participate online whether to express agreement, suggestions or con-

structive criticism. Before the summer recess there had been discussion about stopping this process and at the 9/11/24 meeting the Committee, with questionable rationale, voted 5-2 to curtail it.

Citizen participation and input have never been more important in every phase of civic life and should be encouraged, not unduly limited. This is especially true for the vitality of our public schools.

For many reasons citizens wanting to speak are unable to attend School Committee meetings in person and their voices should be readily heard and archived via email.

Our thanks to Committee

members Doug Gutro and Courtney Perdios for voting to keep the reading and recording of the emails at each meeting. Perhaps the other Committee Members will reconsider and reinstate this very important and reasonable democratic process.

We will not be able to attend the next School Committee meeting and hope this email will be read aloud and entered into the record.

Sincerely,

Mike Cotter -former teacher at Randolph High School and Silver Lake Regional High School
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READERS FORUM

Supports City Council On Recent Resolutions

To the Editor:

Kudos to the Quincy City Council on two recent actions it took. One, the City Council wisely passed on a Gaza Ceasefire Resolution. Many of the comments from councilors who passed on this resolution were correct. As a body they have been pressed by members of the Quincy community who are demanding a ceasefire between Hamas and Israel.

Over the weekend, there was a sign-holding protest supporting a ceasefire on Quincy Shore Drive. I don't believe city councils need to pass support for a ceasefire. City councilors get elected to serve the local needs of their constituents. Any resolution would be meaningless as far as seeking to end the fighting now taking place in the Middle East.

Kudos also to the Quincy City Council voting 6-3 seeking the Right-to-Shelter Law being amended amid the migrant housing crisis

up on Beacon Hill.

This resolution was introduced by City Council President Ian Cain urging the legislature to amend the shelter law to limit eligibility for families and individuals in state-supported emergency housing. The measure passed 6-3.

I agree with Cain that the present and continually growing housing crisis started with the federal government's inaction to either enforce immigration law or develop legislation to fix our broken border system.

The Right-to-Shelter law was passed over 40 years ago to deal with the state's homeless families, children and pregnant women. However, our state government has now decided to use that 1983 law to cover the federal government's abdication on this issue. This decision by the state has led to massive numbers of recent arriving migrants being

pushed across the state's cities and towns causing many problems. The state's shelter system has been overwhelmed. The law needs to be amended.

Continuing to do nothing about this migrant housing issue is not a sustainable solution. It is time for local communities to put constant pressure on Beacon Hill to put constant pressure on Capitol Hill. Passing the buck downwards is not a solution and will only guarantee this crisis to metastasize.

Kudos to Ward 3 councilor Ian Cain for trying to push the needle further toward

the solution that helps all the homeless among us without negatively impacting all our cities and towns, many of which are getting completely overburdened by the inaction by Washington, D.C. leaders.

Sal Giarratani
East Boston

A Response From The Library Director: Full Transparency Within The Law

Recently there has been a public interest in attending Board of Library Trustee meetings at the Thomas Crane Public Library. We support and encourage folks to take an interest in the comings and goings at the library, and all are welcome to attend the meetings.

Sept. 12th's Board of Trustees meeting was observed by three members of the public, one of whom is a part time library clerk employed by the Thomas Crane Public Library. The public has an opportunity at the beginning of the meeting to register to speak. At this meeting no one availed themselves of that opportunity.

I often review the contents of the monthly report that I prepare for the Board of Trustees at the meeting, but not always. Board members have a week before each meeting to read and review my report. Sometimes, we have a packed agenda and I simply say "things are going really well, we've been really busy". I do ask the Board at every meeting if they have any questions about the content of my report, and sometimes they do not. In this instance they did not.

My reports sometimes contain personnel information, personally identifying information about staff or patrons, and security situations/updates. This infor-

mation is shared with the Board, but is not appropriate to be shared with the public due to our legal obligations to HIPAA, Open Meeting Law, and the US Constitution. Discussing this at the meetings was never a problem, as for decades almost no one ever attended besides the Board members and Library Administration.

Once Quincy Votes started sending a representative to take parallel minutes at the monthly meetings, we became concerned about the privacy violations that were occurring when these "minutes" were published. They are often riddled with inaccuracies, spelling and grammatical errors, and mischaracterizations of what is said at the meetings.

I have been working with legal counsel to determine what is and is not a public document with regard to monthly meetings of the Board of Library Trustees. Until I had an answer from counsel, I was unwilling to

distribute peripheral handouts to members of the public, as I wanted to make sure I was working within the letter and intent of a variety of laws. Coincidentally, I received that answer today, after this meeting.

With privacy considerations in mind, some changes will need to be made to how I report personnel and security information, but I will have extra copies for interested parties, and my report will be published monthly in the Quincy Sun. Trustee meetings occur monthly, on the second Thursday of at 8:30 a.m., although they do not meet in July and August. Locations change so please check the City calendar or the library website for each month.

Sara Slymon
Library Director
Thomas Crane
Public Library
President Elect
Massachusetts Library
Association

Proud Of NQHS Football Players

As a proud American, I was so happy to see members of the NQHS football team stand for the national anthem, hands over their hearts, prior to their season opener.

What a great example set by these fine young student-athletes of patriotism and respect for all that our national anthem represents. It is encouraging to see this generation share my love of country.

Best of luck for a winning season. Let's Go Raiders!

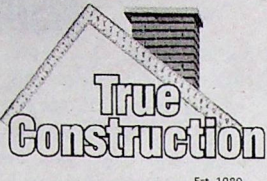
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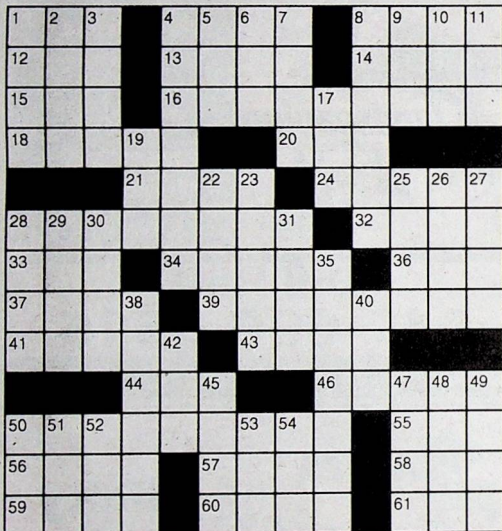
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4 "Dream on!"
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12 "Kinda" suffix
13 Mandolin's kin
14 Redact
15 LAX info
16 Embraces
17 among team members, say
18 Mideast penin-sula
20 "Gee, ya think?"
21 Nevada city
24 Pansy part
28 Floor cover-ings
32 Luau dance
33 Paul Newman film
34 Refine metal
36 Male turkey
37 "M*A*S*H" star
39 Pub vessels
41 Sand castle site
43 Clear the decks?
44 Gearwheel tooth
46 Mary Poppins, e.g.
- DOWN**
- 1 Slapstick arse-nal
2 Italian wine region
3 Compared to
4 North African capital
5 California's Big
6 "Am — blame?"
7 Family fight
8 Sneaky laugh
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10 "Top Gun" target
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20 Parseghian
22 Feeling no pain
23 Curved mold-ings
25 Ballet wear
26 Sleep like —
27 Felonious flights
28 Melville cap-tain
29 Hold sway
30 Icelandic epic
31 Whole lot
35 Trains, buses, etc.
38 Entry
40 CEO's deg.
42 Jump
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47 Alaskan sea-port
48 Linguist
49 Present-day "carpe diem"
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MAGIC MAZE — COAST

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: RED-BROWN METAL

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Atlantic Forgotten Malabar Sunshine
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Tree trunk is different. 2. Spout on watering can is longer. 3. Cap is larger. 4. Hair is shorter. 5. Mountain is different. 6. Flower is different.



- GEOGRAPHY: Mount Vesuvius overlooks which modern Italian city?
- MYTHOLOGY: What kind of creature is half bird and half woman with an alluring song?
- SCIENCE: What is a common name for iron oxide?
- FOOD & DRINK: What kind of pastry is used to make baklava?
- MOVIES: What is the name of Elle's chihuahua in "Legally Blonde"?
- MEDICAL: What is a common name for bruxism?
- LITERATURE: Prospero

is a character in which of Shakespeare's plays?

- ASTRONOMY: How many stars make up the Big Dipper?
- U.S. STATES: Which state's nickname is The Sunflower State?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which is the only continent without bees?

Answers

- Naples.
- Siren.
- Rust.
- Phyllo or filo.
- Bruiser.
- Teeth grinding.
- "The Tempest."
- Seven.
- Kansas.
- Antarctica.

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) After much traveling this year, you're due for some relaxed time with family and friends. Use this period to check out situations that will soon require a lot of serious decision-making.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Keep that keen Bovine mind focused on your financial situation as it begins to undergo some changes. Consider your money moves carefully. Avoid impulsive investments.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You'll need to adjust some of your financial plans now that things are changing more quickly than you expected. All the facts you need haven't yet emerged, so move cautiously.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Personal and professional relationships dominate this period. Try to keep things uncomplicated in order to avoid misunderstandings that can cause problems down the line.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) That elusive goal you'd been hoping to claim is still just out of reach. But something else has come along that could prove to be just as desirable, if only you would take the time to check it out.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This is a good time to get away for some much-needed rest and relaxation. You'll return refreshed and ready to take on a workplace challenge that awaits you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Confidence

grows as you work your way through some knotty situations. Watch out for distractions from well-meaning supporters who could slow things down.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Consider spending more time contemplating the possibilities of an offer before opting to accept or reject it. But once you make a decision, act on it.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You're in a very strong position this week to tie up loose ends in as many areas as possible. Someone close to you has advice you might want to heed.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Congratulations! This is the week you've been waiting for. After a period of sudden stops and fitful starts, your plans can now move ahead without significant disruptions.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You're in an exceptionally strong position this week to make decisions on many still-unresolved matters, especially those involving close personal relationships.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The week starts off with some positive movement in several areas. A special person becomes a partner in at least one of the major plans you'll be working on.

BORN THIS WEEK: You work hard and get things done. You also inspire others to do their best. You would do well heading up a major corporation.

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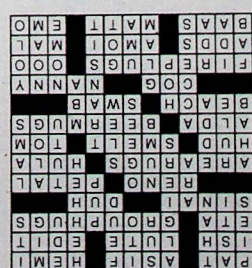
This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: D equals F

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QEUTX UD NJEOPCY HKPGG
DGPODCHI OIPO HOPEO P
NUKXPYR OUQJOIJE?
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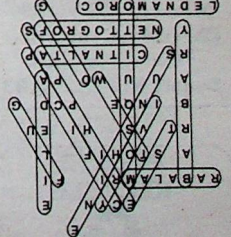
King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.



Magic Maze

ANSWERS:



What would you call a group of certain small flatfish that start a company together? Co-founders.

CryptoQuip answer

HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — Austin Butler couldn't carry "The Bikeriders" (which grossed \$35.8 million against a \$40-million cost), but he was saved by "Dune: Part Two" (which he didn't have to carry and grossed \$711.8 million). Now he's leading director Darren Aronofsky's crime thriller "Caught Stealing." Butler plays a former baseball player plunged into a fight for survival in the 1990s criminal underworld of New York. He'll star opposite Zoë Kravitz, Regina King, Matt Smith, Liev Schreiber and Latin pop singer Bad Bunny.

C. Thomas Howell, 57, was just a teenager when he made "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial," "The Outsiders" and "Red Dawn." Now he's set to star opposite Ryan Phillippe in "One Mile" and its sequel "One More Mile," which are being shot together. Howell has made over 75 films, including "Reagan," which opened in theaters on Aug. 30. Phillippe made daytime history as Billy Douglas, one of the first openly gay characters in soaps, on "One Life to Live." Sadly, his action-thriller film "Prey," with Mena Suvari and Emile Hirsch, only grossed \$5,336. Hopefully, Phillippe's comedy/horror/thriller "Saint Claire," with Rebecca De Mornay, will do better. He's the father of two children with Reese Witherspoon.

I don't know if Capt. James T. Kirk spoke Italian, but Chris Pine can and will in "The Kidnapping of Arabella," which co-stars Italian actress Benedetta Porcaroli (of Netflix's "Baby"). Pine already spoke Spanish, but learned

Italian for the role. His last film "Poolman," which he produced, wrote, directed and starred in, was a disaster and only grossed \$153,325.

"Super/Man: The Christopher Reeve Story" hits select theaters on Sept. 21. I met Christopher when he starred on the New York soap "Love of Life" while also playing Katharine Hepburn's grandson in Broadway's "A Matter of Gravity." I landed the only interview and photo shoot he gave that year. We became friends, and I offered him my spare room if he ever came to Hollywood.

Six months later, Christopher called to use my spare room and became my house guest for two days. He was planning on doing off-off-Broadway, but I suggested that he do commercials while waiting for Broadway to call. We shot his headshots as the sun went down. Two of these photos prompted the "Superman" producers to fly him to London and screen-test him for the role of "the Man of Steel," which led to four "Superman" films.

When Christopher spotted me at the "Superman" premiere at Grauman's Chinese Theater, he insisted that I sit with him and his lady to watch the film with them. He also phoned when "Fifth of July" opened on Broadway (in 1978) to thank me for insisting that he wait for a Broadway play instead of doing off-off-Broadway as he'd planned.

My favorite memory of him is that this 6-foot-4-inch, drop-dead-gorgeous lady killer had bunk beds in his NYC apartment, obviously a forerunner to his two future identities — Clark Kent and Superman!

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GO FIGURE!

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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KOVELS Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Grape Art — Fall is traditionally a time for harvest, and grapes are one of the fruits frequently picked in early October. Since they were cultivated during the Neolithic era, grapes have been granted many symbolic meanings, from power and divinity to life and health, hospitality, sacrifice, celebration and indulgence. No matter what they might represent, grapes are something good to eat or a source for a tasty drink, so it's no wonder they often appear in decorative arts, especially tableware.

This glass pitcher, decorated with gilt and colorful enameled grapevines, was probably made as a decorative piece. It sold for \$1,140 at a Morphy auction. It was made about 1895 by Moser, one of the most famous Bohemian glassmakers of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries; the company is still active today in the Czech Republic. Ludwig Moser, who founded the company about 1857, started work as a glass engraver. His company is best known for its enameled glass, and this pitcher is an excellent example. But underneath the enamel, the glass has a coloring called Rubina Verde, shaded red and green.

Q: I have a question on this coffee set, which belonged to my grandmother (born 1884). I am confused because this set has four larger serving pieces (coffee pourer, creamer, sugar and ?). All of these items have the Ceramic Art mark (per your guide, says Belleek, 1906-1924). The set also has six cups and saucers, which are marked "J.P.L. France" (Again, per your guide, 1842-1898). The pattern of all, however, appears

to be identical to me, and I haven't been able to find it anywhere.

A: That is an interesting question; you don't often see a complete set of dishes with marks from different makers. The J.P.L. mark was used in Limoges, France, from the late 1800s to about 1932. It is unlikely that Ceramic Art and Limoges made the same pattern, but they did have something in common: They both made blanks to be decorated at other factories or by hobbyists at home. This may be the case for your coffee set. Professional decorators would sign the pieces they painted, usually with their initials. If yours aren't signed, they may have been decorated by an amateur, making your set truly one of a kind.

TIP: If you have valuable old glass, you should keep it in a safe environment. It should be stored or displayed where there is some air movement to dry off the surface. Glass bottles and containers should be stored with the lids and stoppers open.

CURRENT PRICES

• Toy, tractor, John Deere, Model 730, diesel, green, box, collector's coin, Precision Classics, 6 x 9 inches, \$60.

• Store, sign, soda fountain, Bon Bons, gold leaf lettering, black ground, reverse painted, wood frame, Long Island, N.Y., 9 x 40 inches, \$1,260.

• Window, leaded, bull's eyes, oak frame, 1800s, 32 x 19 inches, two pairs, \$1,510.

For more collecting news, tips and resources, visit www.Kovels.com

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Strange BUT TRUE

• Beethoven went out of his way to ensure his morning coffee was made with exactly 60 beans per cup.

• In the hit film "Back to the Future," the time machine was originally an old fridge. According to HuffPost, "Ultimately, it was determined that it probably was not a good idea to use a refrigerator in such a manner as kids might want to reenact the scene."

• Up until the beginning of the 19th century, models were not used to showcase clothes. Fashion companies would use dolls instead.

• Pentheraphobia is the intense and disproportionate fear of your mother-in-law.

• To ensure Queen Elizabeth II received her food on time, clocks in the royal kitchen at Windsor Castle were set five minutes ahead.

• While they might look the same, Jenga blocks have subtle differences in dimensions to make their construction less stable. Each brick is a different size and

weight, so no two games are alike.

• As a souvenir from his trip to the Middle East, French author Gustave Flaubert brought home a mummy's foot and kept it on his working desk.

• Herrings communicate through farts.

• In 1916, Adeline and Augusta Van Buren became the first women to travel across the country on two solo motorcycles. They made it despite frequently being arrested for the "crime" of wearing pants.

• Galileo's middle finger is on display at the Museo Galileo in Florence, Italy.

• In 2009, a team of scientists searched Scotland's Loch Ness for evidence of Nessie. While the fabled monster remained elusive, they at least recovered more than 100,000 golf balls.

Thought for the Day: "Nobody grows old merely by living a number of years. We grow old by deserting our ideals. Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul."

— Samuel Ullman

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Now here's a tip!

by Jo Ann Derson

• "To clean the TV remote in my home, I dip a cotton swab into rubbing alcohol, shake off any excess and use it to gently clean the surface. I do this weekly during cold and flu season." — M. in Minnesota

• To keep track of rolls of tape or other rolled items in your shop, hang a length of chain from two "S" hooks on your pegboard. They will be readily accessible, and you can tear off what you need.

• "If you use those little plastic key-ring cards for store rewards accounts and discount programs, you can keep them easily organized in a small photo brag book. These books can be found at drugstores and big box retailers, and are meant for a small collection of wallet-size pictures. However, if you put your cards in one, it's easy to flip through to find the correct card to scan."

— R.J. in Arkansas

• Fill an easy-to-use hand soap dispenser with body wash or shampoo for kids to use in the bath or shower.

• "Here's a fun idea for place cards at Thanksgiving (coming up in Canada): Scan in and print out a photo of each guest as a child. Laminate it and attach it to a pretty piece of ribbon with a glue gun. Use the ribbon to tie up a napkin and/or utensils. Guests will have a good time trying to guess who's who and reminiscing about days gone by." — P.D. in Ontario, Canada

• When working with juicy items (lemons, watermelon, etc.) on a cutting board, try placing the board on a kitchen towel. When the juices run over the edge, they will be caught by the towel. Cleanup will be easy!

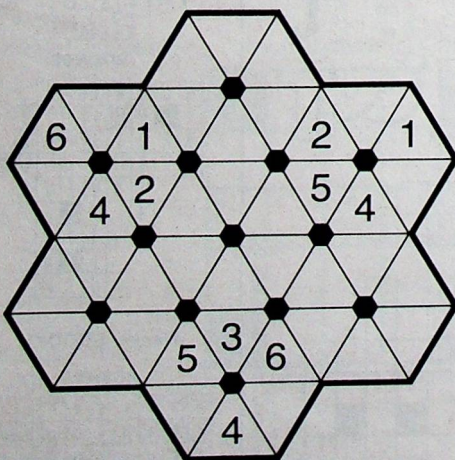
Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

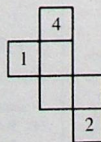
◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

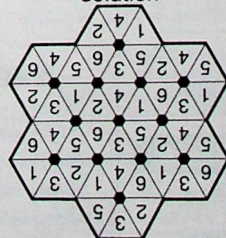
Below is an unfolded cube with the numbers 1, 2 and 4 on three of its faces. Can you place the numbers 3, 5 and 6 so that when the cube is reformed, the opposite faces will total seven?



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SNOWFLAKES

solution



Stickelers Answer

66	2	66
=	2	=
÷	1	÷
×	3	×
÷	2	÷
+	5	+
÷	6	÷
×	4	×

With the numbers placed as shown on the diagram to the right, the opposite sides each will add up to seven when the cube is reformed.

Super Crossword

DISORDERLY CREATURES

ACROSS

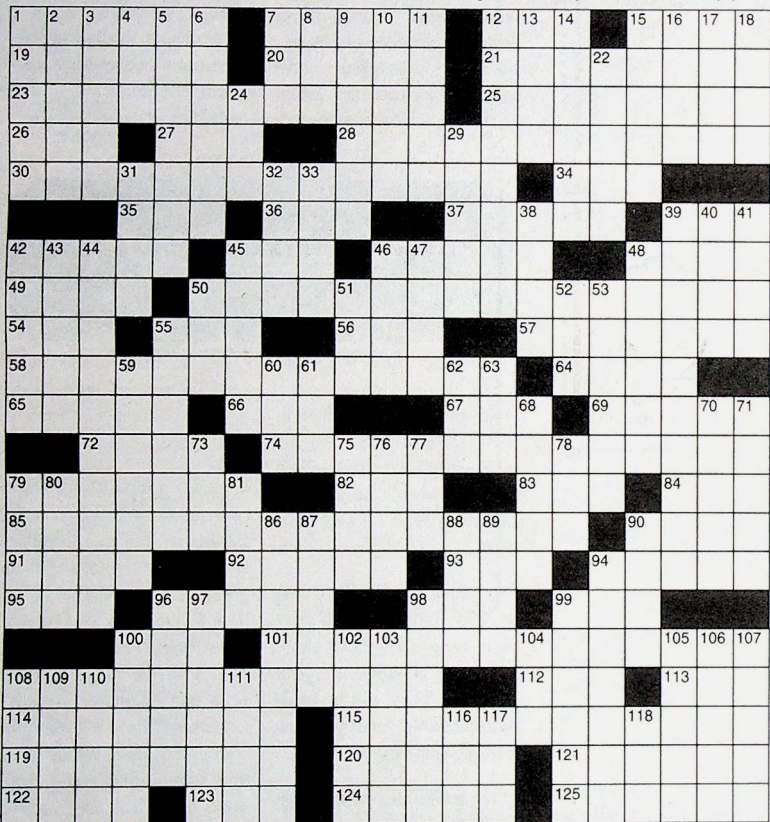
- 1 Old-time crooner Julius
7 James — Garfield
12 Taxing org.
15 Old news-paper section
19 On cloud nine
20 Having fine granules
21 Refilled to the brim
23 Nocturnal burrower wearing clothes?
25 "Rocky" star
26 French "a"
27 Taking after
28 Semiaquatic reptile that's really zealous?
30 Big spotted cat released from jail early?
34 Doc treating laryngitis
35 Orig. texts
36 Sports official
37 Interprets
39 Antifraud org.
42 1990s Toyota coupe
45 "McQ" actor Gulager

- 46 Ready- (precooked)
48 Region
49 Tesla's Musk
50 Lobe-finned swimmer turning red?
54 Pioneering email co.
55 One-eighty
56 Mini-guitar
57 Elizabeth — Browning
58 Spiny anteater on a leash?
64 Put in very hot water
65 Solid ground
66 Actor Wallace
67 Seat winners
69 Florida city
72 Quark's place
74 Very small monkey from the red planet?
79 Rhine siren
82 "Sliver" writer Levin
83 "Emma" has two of these
84 Slalom, e.g.
85 Whip-tailed marine menace going off course?
90 Bard
91 Composer Khachaturian

- 92 Fix up, as an old house
93 Hard wood
94 Actress Blair
95 Kid's amuser
96 Eighth Greek letter

DOWN

- 1 Starting boost
2 Actress — De La Garza
3 More scarce
4 Gambling parlor, in brief
5 "Look here, too," in a reference
6 Befuddling
7 Doc's gp.
8 Shut-eye site
9 Dust picker-upper
10 Take — of faith
11 Actress Loy
12 "Agreed!"
13 Campus mil. gp.
14 Zoned (out)
15 Ignited again
16 2004-11 Laker Lamar
17 Bluefin, e.g.
18 Unbox, e.g.
22 Schemes
24 With 31-Down, it doesn't bode well
29 Like the verb "go": Abbr.
31 See 24-Down
32 Humdinger
33 Aussie birds
38 "... three men in —"
39 She starred in "Room"
40 — Actress (award for 39-Down)
41 Thai currency
42 Serenity whale, once
43 "Hi," in Hilo
44 Nonpolluting power source
45 Bonnie's pal
46 — torch
47 Linear, briefly
48 Sahara's land
50 Agent's cut
51 "Say what?"
52 Seize
53 Spruces up
55 Sinful
59 Group of PC gurus
60 Hard wood
61 Covert org.
62 Actress Long
63 Actress Jillian
68 Fajita meat
70 Was keen on
71 Singer O'Day
73 "Don't tell — can't!"
75 Singer Coolidge
76 Chi-Town daily paper
77 Singer Janis
78 Novelist Tan
79 Future atty.'s exam
80 Other, in Oaxaca
81 Pertaining to
86 "Return to reality!"
87 SeaWorld
88 Leaves
89 Vent vocally
90 Sty animals
94 Greenish citrus drink
96 All wound up
97 "Regency" hotels
98 Pie charts, e.g.
99 Quartz type
100 Easily duped
102 Presnell of "Fargo"
103 Legislate
104 That girl
105 Petite pies
106 Kindle buy
107 New attempt
108 Sailor's quaff
109 700-mile-long Congolese river
110 "The check — the mail"
111 Ninth Greek letter
116 Game draw
117 Trio before R
118 Free (of)



Celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q: Who plays Eddie on "9-1-1," and when will there be new episodes of the show again? — K.L.

A: Ryan Guzman is a former MMA fighter — now actor — who plays firefighter Eddie Diaz on the hit ABC series "9-1-1." Showrunner Tim Minnear told TVLine that Eddie will be back in the upcoming season sporting a mustache and dealing with some emotional trauma left-over from last season. Guzman's first professional acting role was starring in the 2012 dance film "Step Up Revolution." He followed that with a recurring role on the teen drama series "Pretty Little Liars" and later another show, "Notorious," opposite Piper Perabo and Daniel Sun-jata. He'll be back when "9-1-1" returns to ABC for its eighth season on Thursday, Sept. 26, at 8 p.m. ET.

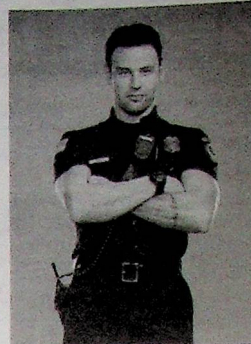
Q: What is Sarah Michelle Gellar doing lately? I haven't seen her in anything new in quite a while. — N.F.

A: Sarah Michelle Gellar started out as a child actress, doing Burger King commercials as a young tyke. Daytime soap fans will remember her as conniving teenager Kendall on "All My

Children," before landing the role of a lifetime as Buffy on the iconic series "Buffy the Vampire Slayer." She also had a successful film career with movies like "Cruel Intentions" and "The Grudge." She returned to television in 2012 with a new series, called "Ringer," but it was canceled after just one season. She has worked steadily over the past decade and has one of the few successful long marriages in Hollywood, with her husband, actor Freddie Prinze Jr. Her next project, "Dexter: Original Sin," is her most promising one in years. It's about future avenging serial killer Dexter Morgan's origin story. Michael C. Hall will narrate the series, while Patrick Gibson ("Shadow and Bone") plays a young Dexter. Christian Slater ("Dr. Death") portrays his father, Harry. and Molly Brown ("Evil") plays his sister, Debra. Gellar will play a CSI chief, and another early 2000s superstar, Patrick Dempsey ("Grey's Anatomy"), will play the head of homicide in Miami. Expect "Dexter: Original Sin" to premiere on Showtime this coming December.

Q: Is it true that "Blue Bloods" was canceled? Are there not going to be any more new episodes? — S.S.

A: Yes, "Blue Bloods" is ending its run, but not until December. The show returns for an abbreviated 14th season on CBS, beginning Friday, Oct. 18, at 10 p.m. ET.



Ryan Guzman ("9-1-1")

Courtesy of ABC

Tom Selleck will be back as the head of the tight-knit Reagan family. What viewers love about the family, in addition to enforcing the law, are their weekly dinners at home at the big table. According to TV Insider, this was inspired by Norman Rockwell's 1943 Thanksgiving magazine illustration "Freedom from Want." Look for your favorites to return for the show's final eight episodes. In addition to Selleck, Donnie Wahlberg, Bridget Moynahan, Will Estes, Marisa Ramirez, Vanessa Ray and Len Cariou will all be back to wrap up the season.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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|--------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Mare or colt | ___ R ___ | Rambler or split-level | ___ U ___ |
| 2. Not in class | ___ B ___ | Concurrence | ___ S ___ |
| 3. Downpour | ___ G ___ | Hoodwink | ___ D ___ |
| 4. Robust | ___ R ___ | Conveniently located | ___ N ___ |
| 5. Run like a track star | ___ T ___ | Planting season | ___ G ___ |
| 6. No longer little | ___ W ___ | Grumbler's sound | ___ A ___ |
| 7. Squirm | W ___ | Chuckle | G ___ |
| 8. Unimportant | ___ O ___ | Coal worker | ___ E ___ |
| 9. Decline | ___ E ___ | Teacher's message | ___ O ___ |
| 10. Hard-hearted | ___ R ___ | Beer mug | ___ I ___ |

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

4		9	2				7	
		3			7			1
5				8		3		
8				6			1	
		9			5			6
			6	4			8	
			5	9				4
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

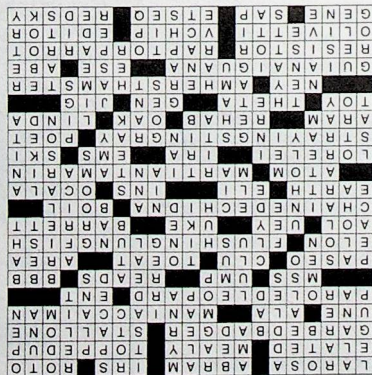
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

Answers

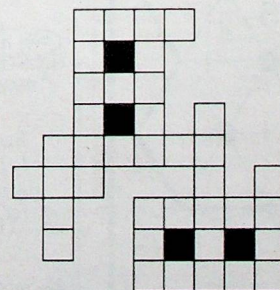


Even Exchange answers

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Horse, House | 5. Sprint, Spring |
| 2. Absent, Assent | 4. Hardy, Handy |
| 3. Deluge, Delude | 9. Lessen, Lesson |
| 7. Wiggle, Giggle | 8. Minor, Miner |
| 6. Grown, Groan | |

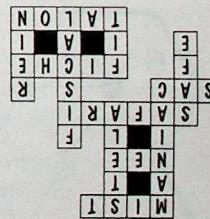


- ENE
ASRIFA
♥ HIFEC
SMTI
♥ SCIFLA
ACS
ENRI
♥ ESALT
IFT
CAMNIA
♥ LOTNA
ESFA



Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

FEAR KN&T answer



Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

6	8	1	8	5	6	7	3	4
2	5	2	1	8	7	4	9	6
1	8	5	4	7	2	6	9	3
3	5	4	1	6	1	6	9	5
7	9	1	8	2	5	4	3	6
5	1	6	3	9	7	2	7	8
4	1	6	8	6	3	7	1	5
5	2	7	4	7	1	8	6	9
4	1	6	2	3	6	2	5	7

Amber Waves

OK, DAD, JUST FOLLOW ME AND WATCH MY BACK.

UH, THAT'S OK, YOU STILL HAVE A COUPLE MORE LIVES BEFORE YOU'RE OUT.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?? YOU'RE RUNNING ALL OVER AND AIMING AT THE SKY.

I THINK FOR YOUR SAKE MAYBE YOU'D BE BETTER OFF JUST SURRENDERING.

by Dave T. Phipps

Out on a Limb

HELGA, HOW COULD YOU?! DO YOU NOT LOVE ME? DO YOU NOT CARE ABOUT US? IF YOU DO NOT, I DARE YOU... I DARE YOU TO SAY IT TO MY NECK!

LOVE TROUBLES FOR THE HEADLESS HORSEMAN

by Gary Kopervas

Americanisms

"A free society is a place where it's safe to be unpopular."

— Adlai Stevenson

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

I WAS WAITING FOR SOME MOTIVATION. NOT SURE WHAT I DID, BUT BASED ON YOUR EXPRESSION, I WANT TO START RUNNING.

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Treating a cat's ingrown toenail

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I don't know how it happened, because I check and trim my cat's nails regularly. Today, "Sparks" cried out in pain when I checked his right paw, and that's when, on closer inspection, I saw that one of the middle claws had grown around, down and into the pad of his paw! How did I miss it? And what can I do to fix this? — Sharon in Bennington, Vermont

DEAR SHARON: Cats are very good at hiding illness and injury. Plus, some cats have longer tufts of fur growing between their claws, and this can obscure nail problems. Add that to the routine struggle of trimming a cat's nails while they wriggle and nip at you to try and escape, and it's surpris-

ingly easy to miss a claw or two. Have a partner help you by gently holding your cat in a comfortable position while you inspect his paw more closely. Use a magnifying glass to get a better look at the ingrown claw. If the claw has not penetrated the skin of your cat's pad — it may be pushing against the skin — you should be able to safely trim the nail away from the pad. Use sturdy nail nippers made for cats, and trim only a small part of the nail — enough to release the pressure on the pad. Revisit the nail in two days to trim it back further, and monitor closely from now on. However, if the claw has penetrated the skin, removing it can be painful and stressful for your cat. Make an appointment with the veterinarian, who will be able to numb the area slightly, trim the claw, and remove the part remaining in the pad while preventing infection.

Send your tips, comments or questions to ask@pawscorner.com.
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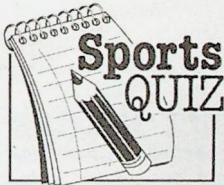
WORD LADDERS

Can you go from READY to SLAMS in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

READY

SLAMS

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by Ryan A. Berenz

1. What Hall of Fame running back drunkenly told Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor to "Loosen up, Sandy baby" at a 1985 Washington Press Club event?
2. Providence Friars basketball star Otis Thorpe was selected by what team in the first round of the 1984 NBA Draft? (Hint: The team relocated in 1985.)
3. What racehorse won consecutive Eclipse Awards for American Horse of the Year, Champion Older Male and Champion Male Turf Horse from 2012-13?
4. What NASCAR driver was shot twice after firing an employ-

ee from his trucking company in 1969 but returned to race the following season?

5. Jack Kemp, the Republican nominee for vice president in the 1996 election, was named 1965 American Football League MVP as quarterback for what team?
6. What golf course, located in East Lothian, Scotland, has been in rotation as host of The Open Championship since 1892?
7. Yusuf Dikec, famous for his casual shooting style that won him a silver medal in the air pistol team event at the 2024 Paris Olympics, competed for what country?

Answers

1. John Riggins.
2. The Kansas City Kings.
3. Wise Dan.
4. Charlie Glotzbach.
5. The Buffalo Bills.
6. Muirfield.
7. Turkey.

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Micro Crossword Answer

E	E	N
E	T	N
I	A	U
V	E	N
D	A	D

1. Berate; 2. Change;

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Chide
BEATER

Revise
GNACHE

Lithe
RIMBLE

Annoy
THEORB

TODAY'S WORD



"I'm moving back to the city for my _____!"

Micro Crossword

By Elizabeth C. Gorski

Across

- 1 Martin, to Charlie
- 4 Desert region of Israel
- 6 Savory taste associated with aged cheese
- 7 "I'm innocent!"
- 8 Julia Child, _____ McWilliams

	1	2	3	
4				5
6				
7				
	8			

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Down

- 1 Evil spirit
- 2 Colorful quartz used in jewelry
- 3 Director of "Beloved" and "Philadelphia"
- 4 Convent manager
- 5 Compete

STREAMING SOURCE

Here's what to watch and where to watch it for the week of September 23, 2024

- ON NOW: "The Garfield Movie" (PG) — Netflix

ON NOW: "Ellen DeGeneres: For Your Approval" (Comedy Special) — Netflix

ON NOW: "Penelope" (Season 1) — Netflix

24-Sept: "Evolution of the Black Quarterback" (Docuseries) — Prime Video

26-Sept: "Colin From Accounts" (Season 2)
- Paramount+

26-Sept: "Nobody Wants This" (Season 1) — Netflix

26-Sept: "Killer Heat" (R) — Prime Video

26-Sept: "Tea Town Teddy Bears" (Season 1) — Peacock

27-Sept: "She Taught Love" (R) — Hulu

27-Sept: "Wolfs" (R) — AppleTV+

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MORE SUN FUN

COUCH THEATER

BY
DEMI
LAVERAS

"The Penguin" (TV-MA) — HBO's fall rollout begins with the premiere of this crime-drama series based on the DC Comics supervillain Oswald Cobblepot, aka the Penguin. Reprising his role from the 2022 film "The Batman," Colin Farrell transforms himself from head to toe once again to portray the menacing Gotham City mobster. Set one week after the film's events, Gotham is in the middle of a gang war following the death of Carmine Falcone, and the Penguin sees this chaos as his chance to step up and take control of Gotham's streets. But it won't exactly be easy, as Carmine's psychopathic daughter, Sofia (Cristin Milioti), is granted release from Arkham Asylum and has her own ambitions at the forefront of her mind. The first episode premieres Sept. 19, with subsequent episodes released every Thursday. (Max)

"His Three Daughters" (R) — This cozy, heartwarming film follows three estranged sisters — Katie (Carrie Coon), Rachel (Natasha Lyonne), and Christina (Elizabeth Olsen) — who are forced to band together to take care of their dying father, Vincent. These three sisters are incredibly different from each other, and at first, their differences only seem to weigh down the already tragic situation they've been placed in. But as they watch over and take care of Vincent, who's receiving hospice care in their childhood apartment, each sister starts their own grieving process. At the same time, the tense dynamics between the sisters finally begin to mend. Premieres Sept. 20. (Netflix)

"Child Star" (TV-MA) — This

documentary film directed by singer Demi Lovato and Nicola Marsh breaks down the enigmatic life of being a successful child star in Hollywood. Lovato called up a few of her fellow child stars to help her in this endeavor, including Drew Barrymore ("E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial"), Kenan Thompson ("All That"), JoJo Siwa ("Dance Moms"), Alyson Stoner ("The Suite Life of Zack and Cody"), Raven-Symone ("The Cosby Show"), and Christina Ricci ("The Addams Family"). These stars describe what it was like to ascend to fame at such a young age, the pressures and joys that accompanied this fame, and how some of them naturally gravitated to drugs and alcohol to relieve their stress. Check it out on Sept. 17. (Hulu)



Courtesy of Netflix

From left, Natasha Lyonne, Elizabeth Olsen and Carrie Coon star in "His Three Daughters."

"Dancing with the Stars: Season 33" (TV-PG) — America's favorite ballroom dance competition is back for its 33rd season! The cast of celebrities this year consists of an interesting and varied group of actors, reality stars, Olympians, models and even a fake heiress! Some of the competitors cha-cha-ing their way to the Mirrorball Trophy are former "Real Housewife of Atlanta" Phaedra Parks; the prolific Eric Roberts ("Babylon"); former Los Angeles Lakers star Dwight Howard; and U.S. Olympians Ilona Maher, who dominated in rugby, and Stephen Nedorosick, who was the pommel horse specialist on the men's gymnastics team. The competition begins on Sept. 17! (Disney+)

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Contract Bridge

CHOOSING THE TRUMP SUIT

North dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ A 10
♥ A J 9 8 6 5
♦ K Q 9 3
♣ 7

WEST

♠ 5 4
♥ 7
♦ 8 7 2
♣ A K J 10 6 5 3

EAST

♠ K Q J 7 2
♥ 4 3 2
♦ 6 4
♣ Q 9 8

SOUTH

♠ 9 8 6 3
♥ K Q 10
♦ A J 10 5
♣ 4 2

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♥	Pass	2♦	3♣
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♦			

Opening lead — king of clubs.

When there are two playable trump suits, it is certainly normal to select the one with the greater number of cards in it. To outnumber the opponents in trump by the largest possible margin is surely a reasonable aim, but there are occasions when it is better not to do so.

Today's deal from a national pair championship provides an example.

by Steve Becker

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by Helene
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CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

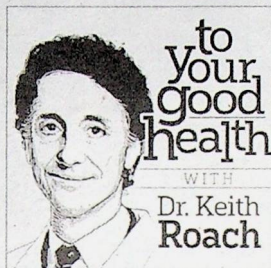
Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

I P X E P Z P V N B L F T F W F O F W F O ?

Z P V K V T U U B L F U I F " T " B X B Z I

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Having Surgery for a Hernia Could Be Riskier Than Living With It

DEAR DR. ROACH: I'm an 85-year-old man. I'm in good health, and I exercise and swim at the gym for 3 hours every other day. I am not overweight, and the only prescription I have is a nose spray. I do have mild idiopathic neuropathy, but I'm still quite agile and mobile. I have a hernia in my lower abdomen. I had one just like it on the right side that was repaired 35 years ago.

My family doctor seems to think that having surgery at my age could be riskier than living with the hernia. The pain isn't terrible, but it is frequently uncomfortable. Should I consider surgery?? — C.E.K.

ANSWER: You should consider it to the point where you consult a surgeon. The operative risk is relatively small, and despite your age, it sounds like you are in good shape. However, after consulting with a surgeon, you may decide against surgery.

The most important factor is how much the pain from the hernia bothers you. In general, we recommend surgical repair for symptomatic hernias, as the pain tends to gradually increase over years.

No surgery comes without a risk, and your family doctor is right that it is riskier to have the surgery than it would be to live with the pain. But the risk is not enormous, so if the pain is to the point where the hernia is bothering you a lot, it is certainly worth discussing the risks and benefits of surgery with an expert surgeon.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I saw a post somewhere saying that we should throw away all vitamins or supplements with magnesium stearate, titanium dioxide or microcrystalline cellulose. This means I would need to discard vitamins, antacids, and even my glucose

tabs that I occasionally need for reactive hypoglycemia. Do you have any guidance on this? — L.D.

ANSWER: In 1538, a Swiss physician with the pseudonym "Paracelsus" articulated the basic premise of toxicology: The dose makes the poison. This remains critical today.

Magnesium stearate is commonly used in food, cosmetics and medicines. It is generally regarded as safe at doses below 175 grams for an average-sized adult. A typical supplement might contain as much as 20 mg. It would take well over 8,000 doses at once for a person to reach a dangerous level.

Titanium dioxide is used as a food coloring, in sunscreen, and in medications like styptic pencils. It has long been considered safe in the United States and Canada. But its status in Europe has recently been changed, so it is no longer recommended as a food additive. The tiny doses of it in medications and dietary supplements are very unlikely to cause harm, but many manufacturers in the U.S. are beginning to stop using it, more due to perception than proven harm (which there is no evidence for).

Microcrystalline cellulose is simply an indigestible fiber source made from wood pulp. It is not absorbed. It is used in many foods and as a filler in tablets and capsules. You can also buy it as a supplement or use it as a thickener in cooking.

I don't have any concerns with magnesium stearate or microcrystalline cellulose at the kinds of doses used in pharmaceuticals and supplements. I also don't have any concern with food-grade titanium dioxide as a coloring agent in food or supplements.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

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Answer

You just take the "S" away!
How do you make seven even?

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Recalls of dangerous foods and products

The recent listeria outbreak in a certain brand of deli meat was most disturbing because it now makes us hesitant to purchase any brands.

Listeria can, and has, caused illnesses so severe that people have died. At this writing, the number continues to grow.

Where the mistrust comes in is at the deli counter itself. If the slicing machines were previously used on the listeria-contaminated meats, and if those slicers weren't sanitized of every tiny listeria molecule, those germs can be transmitted to another type of meat being sliced.

Scary. And when it comes to trust, who would suspect cinnamon of being a problem? But apparently it is, with several recalls due to excess lead in the product.

Then there was the real heartbreaker to read about: Beloved frozen chicken nuggets were found to have foreign matter in them, specifically little particles of metal.

Foods aren't the only items making the recall lists. Lithium batteries have been making headlines, especially when they cause fires. A portable power station, for charging electronic devices and other gadgets, has caused four fires. Another brand of power station has caused over 170 cases of the batteries swelling and overheating. Even a camera brand had problems with the lithium batteries overheating.

And candles aren't left off the recall list. One lovely tangerine scented candle was recalled because of a fire hazard. A single-serve coffee maker can shoot hot water out of the top of the machine, burning anyone nearby. A lawnmower was recalled because if water gets into the handle, the mower will fail to shut off. Or how about the bicycle that loses its steering?

Check online before you buy, especially consumer products. See www.recalls.gov for a wide selection of product types, and foodsafety.gov for recalled foods — or sign up for alerts.

And be especially wary of that cute retro-look Italian-made refrigerator that's dangerous because the door can fall off.

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1. Who sang the theme song for the TV series "Secret Agent Man" in the 1960s?
2. What is the Hully Gully?
3. Who released "Blue Suede Shoes" before Elvis Presley did?
4. Name Patti LaBelle's first No. 1 single.
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Late at night I'm still listening, Don't waste my time chasing sleep."

Answers

1. Johnny Rivers. The show was the American version of the British "Danger Man" series.
2. A dance that started in Florida in 1959. It was a line dance with the steps being called out. The dance has been seen several times, including in "The Blues Brothers" film and a "Roseanne" episode.
3. Carl Perkins, who both wrote and released the song in 1956. His version went to No. 1 on the charts. Presley's did not even hit the Top 10.
4. "If Only You Knew," in 1983, on the R&B charts. It only hit No. 46 on the Hot 100 chart.
5. "Pilot of the Airwaves," by Charlie Dore in 1979. This was the final song played in 1990 by Radio Caroline, an unlicensed, illegal radio station that broadcast from the open seas. It was named for Caroline Kennedy, daughter of President John F. Kennedy.



JUNIOR RUNNING BACK Leo Steinberg scores one of his three touchdowns in the Presidents' 53-6 win over Archbishop Williams Sept. 13 at Veterans' Memorial Stadium.



QUINCY SENIOR quarterback Nate Goff eyes a receiver against Archbishop Williams High School.

Presidents Win In A Landslide Against AWHHS, 53-6

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berg, and defensive lineman Elijah Charles were among Presidents defenders who stuffed the opposing running back on fourth down. The Presidents flew to the ball on defense all night and had many key plays where several men teamed up to make tackles for losses or no gain.

It took the Presidents two offensive plays to score. After a block in the back penalty, running back Leo Steinberg broke loose on a run up the middle for a 69-yard touchdown run. He also ran in the two-point conversion, giving the Presidents an 8-0 advantage with 6:52 left in the first quarter.

Then, Archbishop Williams had a three-and-out. The team had a low snap on the first play of the drive, as Steinberg, Martinez, and others had a tackle for a two-yard loss. A pack of Presidents defenders then stopped the opposing running back for a one-yard gain. On third down, Martinez and Charles put pressure on the opposing quarterback, forcing him to throw the ball out of bounds. The Archbishop Williams punt, however, only netted two yards, giving the Presidents the ball 23 yards from the end zone.

The Presidents fumbled on this newfound drive, and an Archbishop Williams defensive lineman ran the ball down to the opposing 10-yard line; a personal foul against the Presidents brought it to the five. Archbishop Williams capitalized on the error, punching in a four-yard touchdown run on the second play of the drive. The two-point conversion attempt was no good, as linebacker Jonas Ala broke



QUINCY'S DEFENSE played a strong game against Archies limiting the Bishops to one touchdown. Here junior linebacker Wyatt Drinkwater (#52) and senior defensive back Jayden Francois tackle a Bishops' ball carrier.

up the pass, making it an 8-6 game with 2:16 left in the first quarter.

However, as the first half progressed, the Presidents were dominant.

The team kept the ball on the ground -- and it worked. Steinberg (11 rushes, 169 yards, 3 TDs) picked up a couple of first downs on the ground on the next drive -- a drive where the Presidents shredded over six minutes off the clock. Eventually, Steinberg scored on a 12-yard run with 7:57 left in the first half. The two-point

conversion attempt failed, meaning the Presidents led 14-6.

Archbishop Williams crossed midfield on the ensuing drive, but a mistake forced a punt. Facing fourth and a few yards, the team had a delay of game penalty, pushing it back five yards. The team had a strong punt, pinning the Presidents at the eight-yard line.

That wasn't a problem for the Presidents, as running back Jonas Ala (9 rushes, 166 yards, 3TDs) had a 92-yard touchdown run up



QUINCY SENIOR wide receiver Jayden Francois carries for the Presidents as teammate John Jordan follows the play to block a Bishops' defender. Quincy Sun Photos/Robert Bosworth

the middle where he evaded a few opposing tacklers. He also scored on the two-point conversion, giving the Presidents a 22-6 advantage with 6:22 left in the first half.

Plus, with 48 seconds left in the first half, the team scored again. This time, Steinberg had a three-yard run up the middle, and Ala's two-point conversion run was good, making the game 30-6 just before the end of the first half.

The Presidents ran for over 350 yards in this one, as offensive linemen Oliver Levine, Jacoby Quinn, Cameron Lynch, Wyatt Drinkwater, Maurice Donovan, and Chris Young dominated the competition.

That on-the-ground success continued in the second half, with the Presidents adding three more rushing

touchdowns in the third quarter. Ala had a 30-yard run on what initially looked like it would be a tackle for a loss. He broke loose, had quality blocking, and rushed downfield for the score. The extra-point kick from Brayden O'Connell was good, putting the Presidents up 37-6 with 10:13 left in the quarter.

Ala also had a two-yard touchdown run with 4:05 left in the third quarter, with backup quarterback John Jordan under center, taking over for Nate Goff. The two-point conversion was good, with O'Connell, the kicker who doubles as the team's third-string quarterback, completing a pass to Diego Tavares Goncalves. This put the Presidents up 45-6.

Finally, defensive back

Gavin Maye recovered a punt in the end zone for the Presidents for a touchdown with under a minute left in the third quarter. Archbishop Williams had a weak punt deep in its own territory that rolled back about 15 yards into its end zone. Maye picked up the ball -- and six more points for the Presidents. O'Connell completed another two-point conversion pass to Goncalves during the first play of the fourth quarter, as the game switched to a running clock after Maye's touchdown.

Neither team scored in the fourth quarter, as many reserve players got more time on the field.

The Presidents visit Concord-Carlisle Friday, Sept. 20. Kick off at 7 p.m.

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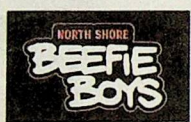
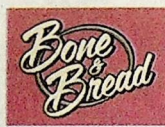
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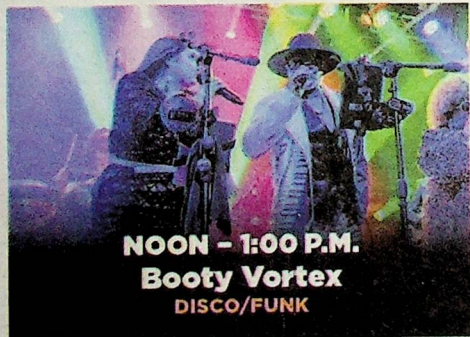


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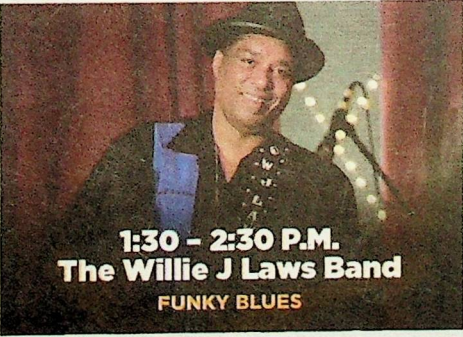


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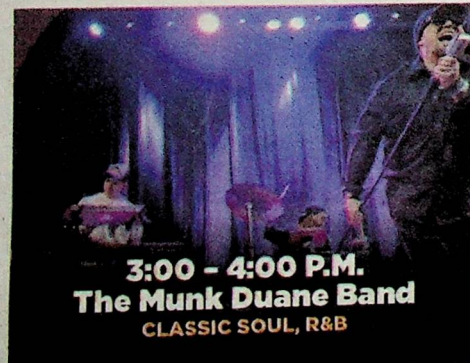
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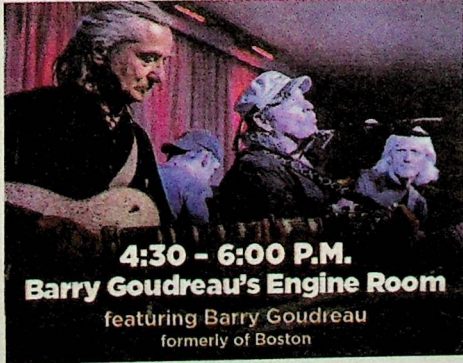
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Booty Vortex
DISCO/FUNK



1:30 - 2:30 P.M.
The Willie J Laws Band
FUNKY BLUES



3:00 - 4:00 P.M.
The Munk Duane Band
CLASSIC SOUL, R&B



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AERIALIST



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